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**RECAPITULATION - ALL ARTICLES  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
ARTICLE I - General Government	\$ 6,535,239,222	\$ 3,117,051,372
ARTICLE II - Health and Human Services	22,416,198,328	22,911,012,887
ARTICLE III - Agencies of Education	38,801,338,295	35,752,136,834
ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	419,872,892	387,077,242
ARTICLE V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice	10,022,581,864	9,584,489,981
ARTICLE VI - Natural Resources	822,984,687	765,118,555
ARTICLE VII - Business and Economic Development	485,257,507	433,846,245
ARTICLE VIII - Regulatory	257,454,352	262,025,186
ARTICLE IX - General Provisions	106,784,888	29,128,248
ARTICLE X - The Legislature	260,111,220	279,986,821
GRAND TOTAL, General Revenue	<u>\$ 80,127,823,255</u>	<u>\$ 73,521,873,371</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ALL ARTICLES  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
ARTICLE I - General Government	\$ 364,687,219	\$ 241,548,392
ARTICLE II - Health and Human Services	270,953,865	272,442,449
ARTICLE III - Agencies of Education	1,548,509,235	1,544,534,313
ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	107,689,860	98,448,478
ARTICLE V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice	17,121,822	17,400,531
ARTICLE VI - Natural Resources	747,899,876	733,636,359
ARTICLE VII - Business and Economic Development	342,772,208	365,404,163
ARTICLE VIII - Regulatory	194,134,178	196,812,214
ARTICLE IX - General Provisions	0	0
ARTICLE X - The Legislature	0	0
GRAND TOTAL, General Revenue-Dedicated	<u>\$ 3,593,768,263</u>	<u>\$ 3,470,226,899</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ALL ARTICLES  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
ARTICLE I - General Government	\$ 1,780,163,224	\$ 1,658,769,736
ARTICLE II - Health and Human Services	28,745,108,563	29,109,239,786
ARTICLE III - Agencies of Education	8,847,853,558	7,524,792,328
ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	1,967,463	1,947,641
ARTICLE V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice	173,028,758	154,950,156
ARTICLE VI - Natural Resources	1,906,274,418	1,927,893,327
ARTICLE VII - Business and Economic Development	9,295,276,756	8,851,287,467
ARTICLE VIII - Regulatory	2,976,662	3,019,923
ARTICLE IX - General Provisions	0	0
ARTICLE X - The Legislature	0	0
GRAND TOTAL, Federal Funds	<u>\$ 50,752,649,402</u>	<u>\$ 49,231,900,364</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ALL ARTICLES**  
**(Other Funds)\***

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
ARTICLE I - General Government	\$ 819,146,737	\$ 826,275,108
ARTICLE II - Health and Human Services	719,792,327	720,149,587
ARTICLE III - Agencies of Education	19,985,263,958	20,546,714,487
ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	96,457,095	96,484,603
ARTICLE V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice	82,198,360	82,009,135
ARTICLE VI - Natural Resources	561,927,323	426,634,740
ARTICLE VII - Business and Economic Development	15,494,576,845	13,593,143,870
ARTICLE VIII - Regulatory	2,024,956,048	25,004,133
ARTICLE IX - General Provisions	301,184,640	301,184,640
ARTICLE X - The Legislature	101,425	101,425
GRAND TOTAL, Other Funds	\$ 40,085,604,758	\$ 36,617,701,728

\* Excludes interagency contracts

**RECAPITULATION - ALL ARTICLES**  
**(All Funds)\***

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
ARTICLE I - General Government	\$ 9,499,236,402	\$ 5,843,644,608
ARTICLE II - Health and Human Services	52,152,053,083	53,012,844,709
ARTICLE III - Agencies of Education	69,182,965,046	65,368,177,962
ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	625,987,310	583,957,964
ARTICLE V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice	10,294,930,804	9,838,849,803
ARTICLE VI - Natural Resources	4,039,086,304	3,853,282,981
ARTICLE VII - Business and Economic Development	25,617,883,316	23,243,681,745
ARTICLE VIII - Regulatory	2,479,521,240	486,861,456
ARTICLE IX - General Provisions	407,969,528	330,312,888
ARTICLE X - The Legislature	260,212,645	280,088,246
GRAND TOTAL, All Funds	\$ 174,559,845,678	\$ 162,841,702,362
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) - Appropriated Funds	227,659.4	228,921.2

\* Excludes interagency contracts



A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

appropriating money for the support of the Judicial, Executive, and Legislative Branches of the State government, for the construction of State buildings, and for State aid to public junior colleges, for the period beginning September 1, 2025 and ending August 31, 2027; authorizing and prescribing conditions, limitations, rules, and procedures for allocating and expending the appropriated funds; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated agencies of general government.

COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 21,338,573	\$ 15,338,573
Federal Funds	\$ 1,377,000	\$ 1,377,000
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 152,000	\$ 152,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 252,000</u>	<u>\$ 252,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 22,967,573</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,967,573</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	14.0	14.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$139,623	\$139,623
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS</b>		
Provide and Support Arts and Cultural Grants.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ARTS ORGANIZATION GRANTS	\$ 11,727,905	\$ 5,727,905
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> ARTS EDUCATION GRANTS	710,587	710,587
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> CULTURAL TOURISM GRANTS	9,170,000	9,170,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> DIRECT ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS	<u>791,030</u>	<u>791,030</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS</b>	\$ 22,399,522	\$ 16,399,522
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 429,989	\$ 429,989
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	<u>138,062</u>	<u>138,062</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 568,051</u>	<u>\$ 568,051</u>
<b>Grand Total, COMMISSION ON THE ARTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 22,967,573</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,967,573</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,124,440	\$ 1,124,440
Other Personnel Costs	26,763	26,763
Professional Fees and Services	20,294	20,294

**COMMISSION ON THE ARTS**  
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Consumable Supplies	5,000	5,000
Utilities	6,002	6,002
Travel	33,873	33,873
Rent - Building	585	585
Rent - Machine and Other	4,000	4,000
Other Operating Expense	138,124	138,124
Grants	<u>21,608,492</u>	<u>15,608,492</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 22,967,573</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,967,573</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 101,491	\$ 102,435
Group Insurance	172,560	176,872
Social Security	80,236	80,982
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>

Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 354,966	\$ 360,841
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Debt Service

Lease Payments	<u>\$ 560,376</u>	<u>\$ 602,561</u>
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**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

<u><u>\$ 915,342</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 963,402</u></u>
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- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on the Arts. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on the Arts. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on the Arts shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ARTS AND CULTURAL GRANTS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Grant Dollars Provided to Minority Organizations	12%	12%
Percentage of Grant Dollars to Rural Counties	6%	6%
Percentage of Grants Funded for Arts Education	20%	20%
Number of Artists Compensated for TCA Texas Touring Roster Performances	1,500	1,500
Number of Texas Cities in Which Organizations Received TCA Grants	150	150
Number Served by Arts Respond Projects in Education	680,000	680,000
Number Served by Arts Respond Projects in Health & Human Services	77,500	77,500
Number Served by Arts Respond Projects in Public Safety & Criminal Justice	50,000	50,000
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: CULTURAL TOURISM GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Grants that Promote Cultural Tourism	200	200

- 2. Unexpended Balances within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy A.1.1, Arts Organization Grants, Strategy A.1.2, Arts Education Grants, and Strategy A.1.3, Cultural Tourism Grants, remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Commission on the Arts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 3. Limitation on Reimbursements for Commission Meetings.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Part 5, the number of days commissioners are appropriated expenses related to conducting Commission business as provided by Government Code, Section 659.032 is not to exceed six days a fiscal year.
- 4. Cultural District Grants.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Cultural Tourism Grants, include \$8,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for Cultural District Grants.
- 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.

**COMMISSION ON THE ARTS**  
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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.

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 213,574,816	\$ 214,918,023
Child Support Retained Collection Account	97,342,086	97,342,087
Attorney General Debt Collection Receipts	<u>8,300,000</u>	<u>8,300,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 319,216,902	\$ 320,560,110
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 3,912,324	\$ 3,912,324
Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469	61,945,334	62,342,125
Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary Account No. 494	180,432	180,432
AG Law Enforcement Account No. 5006	53,890	53,890
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	<u>16,766,968</u>	<u>15,766,966</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 82,858,948	\$ 82,255,737
Federal Funds	\$ 244,249,181	\$ 249,890,611
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts - Criminal Justice Grants	\$ 1,818,633	\$ 1,818,633
Appropriated Receipts	46,021,102	45,271,102
Interagency Contracts	42,587,479	42,587,479
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>31,000</u>	<u>31,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 90,458,214</u>	<u>\$ 89,708,214</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 736,783,245</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 742,414,672</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	4,273.0	4,273.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Attorney General, Group 6	\$153,750	\$153,750
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES		
Provide General Legal Services to the State and Authorized Entities.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 166,160,227	\$ 164,346,857
Provide Legal Counsel/Litigation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Srvcs.		
<b>B. Goal:</b> ENFORCE CHILD SUPPORT LAW		
Enforce State/Federal Child Support Laws.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT	\$ 385,709,543	\$ 392,552,416
Establish Paternity/Obligations, Enforce Orders and Distribute Monies.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT	<u>13,358,667</u>	<u>13,358,667</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> ENFORCE CHILD SUPPORT LAW	\$ 399,068,210	\$ 405,911,083

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<b>C. Goal: CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES</b>		
Review/Process Applications for Compensation to Crime Victims.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION</b>	\$ 95,965,249	\$ 97,567,174
Review Claims, Determine Eligibility/State Liability, Pay Correctly.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: VICTIMS ASSISTANCE</b>	49,469,867	48,469,865
Provide Grants & Contrcts for Victims Svcs/Sexual Asslt Victims.		
<b>Total, Goal C: CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES</b>	\$ 145,435,116	\$ 146,037,039
<b>D. Goal: REFER MEDICAID CRIMES</b>		
Investigate/Refer for Prosecution Fraud/Misconduct Involving Medicaid.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAID INVESTIGATION</b>	\$ 24,905,067	\$ 24,905,068
Conduct Investigation Supporting Prosecution of Alleged Medicaid Crime.		
<b>E. Goal: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SORM</b>		
Provide Administrative Support for the State Office of Risk Management.		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SORM</b>	\$ 1,214,625	\$ 1,214,625
Provide Administrative Support to the State Office of Risk Management.		
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	<u>\$ 736,783,245</u>	<u>\$ 742,414,672</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 353,987,698	\$ 355,404,452
Other Personnel Costs	8,540,385	8,487,193
Professional Fees and Services	106,724,379	112,584,305
Fuels and Lubricants	629,963	618,713
Consumable Supplies	1,590,900	1,594,233
Utilities	3,130,941	3,123,858
Travel	4,898,128	4,898,127
Rent - Building	22,431,831	22,431,832
Rent - Machine and Other	1,189,975	1,189,975
Other Operating Expense	163,855,515	167,110,915
Grants	63,258,275	63,258,275
Capital Expenditures	6,545,255	1,712,794
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 736,783,245</u>	<u>\$ 742,414,672</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 27,161,183	\$ 27,409,912
Group Insurance	49,223,549	50,430,853
Social Security	22,425,626	22,631,068
Benefits Replacement	90,083	73,237
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 98,900,441	\$ 100,545,070
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	\$ 607,119	\$ 652,821
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 99,507,560</u>	<u>\$ 101,197,891</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of the Attorney General. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of the Attorney General. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of the Attorney General shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Delinquent State Revenue Collected	50,000,000	50,000,000
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LEGAL SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Legal Hours Billed to Litigation and Legal Counsel	1,152,735	1,157,440
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Legal Hour	131.41	130.06
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCE CHILD SUPPORT LAW</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Title IV-D Cases That Have Court Orders for Child Support	86%	86%
Percent of All Current Child Support Amounts Due That Are Collected	66%	66%
Percent of Title IV-D Cases with Arrears Due in Which Any Amount Is Paid Toward Arrears	63%	63%
Percent of Paternity Establishments for Out of Wedlock Births	96%	96%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Amount of Title IV-D Child Support Collected (in Millions)	4,350	4,350
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Ratio of Total Dollars Collected Per Dollar Spent	11.15	10.96
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Payment Receipts Processed by the SDU Vendor	20,500,000	20,500,000
<b>C. Goal: CRIME VICTIMS' SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Amount of Crime Victims' Compensation Awarded	80,342,158	81,547,292
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Make an Award for Victim Compensation Claims	90	90
Average Number of Days to Pay Forensic Sexual Assault Exams	7	7
<b>D. Goal: REFER MEDICAID CRIMES</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAID INVESTIGATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Investigations Concluded	500	500

**2. Capital Budget.** Funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items listed below. The amounts identified for each item may be adjusted or expended on other capital expenditures, subject to the aggregate dollar restrictions on capital budget expenditures provided in the General Provisions of this Act.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Lavaca Building Buildout	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 0
b. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) William P. Clements Office Building Improvements	\$ 750,000	\$ 0
c. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Admin/Legal Laptop Refresh	\$ 0	\$ 3,405,812
(2) Crime Victims Management System - Enhancements and Support	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 350,000	\$ 3,755,812
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 59,872,765	\$ 66,861,417
(2) Child Support Optimization Project	<u>5,643,358</u>	<u>5,827,571</u>
Total, Data Center/Shared Technology Services	\$ 65,516,123	\$ 72,688,988

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
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e. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Legal Services Optimization System	\$ 7,117,912	\$ 7,061,528
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 76,734,035</u>	<u>\$ 83,506,328</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 32,189,810	\$ 34,722,849
GR Dedicated - Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469	\$ 235,372	\$ 245,403
Federal Funds	\$ 38,184,311	\$ 42,749,076
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 5,921,677	\$ 5,577,489
Interagency Contracts	<u>202,865</u>	<u>211,511</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 6,124,542</u>	<u>\$ 5,789,000</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 76,734,035</u>	<u>\$ 83,506,328</u>

**3. Cost Allocation, Reporting Requirement.** The Office of the Attorney General is directed to continue an accounting and billing system by which the costs of legal services provided to each agency may be determined. This cost information shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor within 60 calendar days after the close of the fiscal year.

**4. Child Support Collections.**

- a. The Office of the Attorney General shall deposit Child Support Retained Collections in a special account in the Comptroller's Office. The account shall be called the Child Support Retained Collection Account. Child Support Retained Collections shall include the state share of funds collected by the Office of the Attorney General which were previously paid by the State as Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or foster care payments, all child support enforcement incentive payments received from the federal government, and all revenues specifically established by statute on a fee or service-provided basis and pertaining to the Child Support Enforcement Program.
- b. Amounts earned as interest on, and allocated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to, the Child Support Trust Fund No. 994, in excess of \$808,289 in fiscal year 2026 and \$808,289 in fiscal year 2027, shall be transferred monthly by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to such funds from the General Revenue Fund, and all amounts so transferred are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General for use during the 2026-27 biennium, in addition to the amounts otherwise appropriated herein. Amounts transferred pursuant to this provision shall be shown as a separate, individual entry in the Method of Finance in all standard reports regularly utilizing a method of finance which are submitted to the Governor's Office or the Legislative Budget Board.
- c. The Office of the Attorney General, in cooperation with the Comptroller of Public Accounts, shall develop and maintain such cost centers and/or subaccounts within the Child Support Trust Fund No. 994 and/or the Child Support Retained Collection Account as may be determined necessary or appropriate to separately account for, and allocate the interest earned on, the various sources for receipts deposited to, and types of expenditures made from such funds. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall separately allocate interest earned by the State to each such cost center and/or subaccount, or to such groupings thereof as may be designated by the Office of the Attorney General for purposes of reporting interest earned to the federal government.
- d. The Comptroller of Public Accounts is directed to transfer and carry forward all the balances of funds in the Child Support Trust Fund No. 994 and the Child Support Retained Collection Account as of August 31, 2025, as such funds are to be available for use in fiscal year 2026. Any balances in the Child Support Trust Fund No. 994 and the Child Support Retained Collection Account on hand as of August 31, 2026, shall be carried forward in such funds as funding sources for the appropriation for fiscal year 2027.

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- e. In addition to the amounts otherwise appropriated for Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, all funds received from the federal government as reimbursement for the costs and fees paid to counties, district or county clerks, sheriffs or constables pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Family Code, Chapter 231, are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General for use during the 2026-27 biennium.

**5. Reporting Requirement.** The Office of the Attorney General is directed to develop and maintain separate accounting information and records on receipts and distribution of funds from the Child Support Trust Fund No. 994 and the Child Support Retained Collection Account. Such information must at a minimum identify all deposits, allocations, and expenditures by type of revenues. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall prescribe rules and procedures to assure compliance with this section and all transactions and balances shall be reconciled monthly against the records of the Comptroller. In addition to the requirements for annual financial reports required by the General Provisions of this Act, the Office of the Attorney General shall include a separate section detailing all such balances, receipts, and distributions of money in Child Support Trust Fund No. 994 and the Child Support Retained Collection Account. The report must specifically show balances held for transfer to operating appropriations of the Office of the Attorney General and any other agency. In addition, any balances which are unclaimed and subject to escheat under other laws must be identified as to amount and age.

### 6. Debt Collections.

- a. The Office of the Attorney General shall attempt to collect all delinquent judgments owed the State of Texas. A portion of those debts collected, as outlined below, shall be eligible for retention by the Office of the Attorney General and may be used as a source of funding for agency operations as specified in and limited by the method of financing of the Office. One hundred percent of the debts collected by the Office of the Attorney General and eligible for retention by the Office shall be applied toward the amounts shown above for Attorney General Debt Collection Receipts in the method of financing for agency operations. Regardless of the total amount collected by the Office of the Attorney General, in no event shall this provision be construed as an appropriation in addition to the amount appropriated above as specified in the method of financing, of any of the funds collected by the Office of the Attorney General.
- b. To be eligible for retention by the Office of the Attorney General, the debt collected must be from a qualifying judgment. Qualifying judgments, as used in this rider, are judgments that are at least one year old from the date of entry of the court order and also include debts not reduced to judgment where there are collections on the debt by the Collections Division of the Office of the Attorney General if the debt is delinquent by more than one year or has been certified for collection to the Collections Division of the Office of the Attorney General. In no event shall more than \$5.0 million from collections stemming from a common nucleus of operative fact be eligible for retention by the Office of the Attorney General.
- c. It is the intent of the Legislature that the following not be allowed as a credit toward the percentage set forth in subsection "a" above: judgments collected by state agencies; judgments less than one year old; or judgments collected without direct action by the Office of the Attorney General's Collection Division.
- d. The Office of the Attorney General shall maintain a centralized recordkeeping system for accounting for various departmental and agency certification of delinquent taxes, judgments, and other debts owed the state. The accounting should distinguish by type of tax, judgment, or other debt, and provide for: when the debt was certified by an agency or department for collection by the Attorney General; when it was collected or disposed of; and such other information as the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, or the Comptroller of Public Accounts may require. The Office of the Attorney General shall submit semi-annual reports to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board detailing by agency or department the amount of each debt, when the debt was certified, and when and in what amount, it was collected or disposed of.

**7. Appropriation of Receipts, Court Costs.** Out of the funds appropriated above as Appropriated Receipts, \$27,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$27,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 represents the annual appropriation of authorized collections by the Office of the Attorney General including court costs, attorneys' fees, and investigative costs deposited to Revenue Object Code 3718.

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Revenue Object Code 3718 collections in excess of those specifically appropriated and shown in the agency's method of financing are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 each fiscal year and shall be used for Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services.

The Office of the Attorney General shall maintain accounting information and records on receipts and distribution of funds deposited to Revenue Object Code 3718. Such information must identify revenue, allocations, and expenditures and unexpended balances that concern Appropriated Receipts. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall prescribe rules and procedures to assume compliance with this section in accordance with Government Code, Section 2101.031.

At least semi-annually, beginning within 60 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year or more often upon request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Attorney General shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Governor a report that lists each case or agreement in which an award of court costs, attorneys' fees, litigation expenses, collection fees or investigative fees was made, the date of the award, the amount of court costs that were awarded, the amount of investigative costs that were awarded, the amount of attorneys' fees that were awarded, the amount of litigation expenses that were awarded, the amount of collection fees that were awarded, and the strategy or strategies to which the above receipts were allocated, in addition to any other information that may be requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

**8. Interagency Contracts for Legal Services.** The Office of the Attorney General shall not be appropriated any state funds from interagency contracts, notwithstanding the provisions of the section entitled Reimbursements and Payments, in Article IX, General Provisions of this Act unless the Office of the Attorney General gives prior written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, accompanied by written permission by the affected agency. Any such interagency contract for legal services between the Office of the Attorney General and state agencies shall not jeopardize the ability of the agencies to carry out their legislative mandates, shall not affect their budget such that employees must be terminated in order to pay the requested amount, and shall not exceed reasonable attorney fees for similar legal services in the private sector. The Office of the Attorney General is hereby appropriated funds received from interagency contracts for non-legal services rendered by the Office of the Attorney General.

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

<u>Program:</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
(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
(6) Statewide Victim Notification System	3,044,471	3,044,471
(7) Address Confidentiality	180,432	180,432
Total	<u>\$49,469,867</u>	<u>\$48,469,865</u>
<u>Method of Financing:</u>		
General Revenue	\$29,310,083	\$29,310,083
<u>General Revenue - Dedicated</u>		
Victims of Crime Auxiliary Fund No. 0494	\$180,432	\$180,432
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	<u>\$16,766,968</u>	<u>\$15,766,966</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue - Dedicated	\$16,947,400	\$15,947,398
Federal Funds	\$3,212,384	\$3,212,384
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$49,469,867</u>	<u>\$48,469,865</u>

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



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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 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 \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 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 \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 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.

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.

- 10. Child Support Contractors.** Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) positions associated with contracted workers in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, shall be exempt from the provisions in Article IX relating to limiting state agency employment levels.

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- 11. Unexpended Balances: Between Fiscal Years within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Office of the Attorney General are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended balances in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, shall be used only to enforce child support laws and regulations.
- 12. Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, except for Rider 31, Child Support Transferability, of the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Attorney General is authorized to direct agency resources and transfer such amounts appropriated above between appropriation line items.
- 13. Interagency Contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.** Notwithstanding Rider 8, Interagency Contracts for Legal Services, the Office of the Attorney General is appropriated any funds transferred from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) pursuant to an interagency contract for the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- 14. Interagency Contract with the Department of Public Safety.** Notwithstanding Rider 8, Interagency Contracts for Legal Services, the Office of the Attorney General is appropriated any funds transferred from the Department of Public Safety pursuant to an interagency contract for the Office of the Attorney General to provide legal services to the Department of Public Safety.
- 15. Interagency Contract with the Texas Department of Transportation.** Notwithstanding Rider 8, Interagency Contracts for Legal Services, included in the amounts appropriated above to the Office of the Attorney General is \$10,000,000 in Interagency Contracts each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, from the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) pursuant to an interagency contract for the Office of the Attorney General, Transportation Division, to provide legal services to the Texas Department of Transportation.
- 16. Bond Review Fees.** Included in the amounts from the General Revenue Fund, appropriated above for the 2026-27 biennium is \$8,773,794 in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, and \$1,388,590 in Strategy D.1.1, Medicaid Investigation, from the deposit of bond review fees as authorized by Government Code, Section 1202.004.
- 17. Excess Incentive Collections.** In addition to Child Support Retained Collections appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General is appropriated Child Support Incentive Collections receipts in excess of \$91,948,558 in fiscal year 2026 and \$91,948,559 in fiscal year 2027, to be used in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, and B.1.2, State Disbursement Unit, during the 2026-27 biennium.
- 18. Sex Offender Apprehension.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall coordinate activities related to sex offender apprehension with the Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Board of Pardons and Parole, the United States Marshals Service, and any other state or local law enforcement agency in order to maximize resources for the apprehension and arrest of sex offenders.
- 19. Unexpended Balances Carried Forward Between Biennia.** Included in amounts appropriated above are unexpended balances out of Appropriated Receipts as of August 31, 2025, estimated to be \$38,942,201 in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, from the collection of attorney fees, investigative costs, and court costs for litigation related expenses.
- 20. State Office of Risk Management.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, Administrative Support for SORM is \$1,214,625 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,214,625 in fiscal year 2027 in Interagency Contracts from the State Office of Risk Management (SORM) for the administrative support of SORM.
- 21. Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the receipt of federal funds in federally funded programs and with prior approval by the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Attorney General may temporarily utilize additional monies from the General Revenue Fund, pending receipt of federal reimbursement, in an amount not to exceed the anticipated reimbursement, in each fiscal year of the biennium. The General Revenue amounts utilized above the General Revenue method of finance shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

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- 22. Annual Child Support Service Fee.** Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, are revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, by the Office of the Attorney General for assessing a \$35 annual service fee on all non-TANF cases in which \$550 or more has been collected in child support payments, established by Texas Family Code, Chapter 231, and deposited to Revenue Object Code 3618 in the General Revenue Fund, estimated to be \$20,125,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$20,125,000 in fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- 23. Monthly Child Support Processing Fee.** Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.2, State Disbursement Unit, are revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, by the Office of the Attorney General for assessing a \$3 monthly processing fee on child support payments processed through the State Disbursement Unit, established by Texas Family Code, Chapter 231, and deposited to Revenue Object Code 3618 in the General Revenue Fund, estimated to be \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- 24. Capital Expenditures Authorized.** Notwithstanding the limitations placed on the expenditure of funds for capital budget items contained in this Act, except for Rider 28, Major Information Resources Project Oversight of the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Attorney General is authorized to expend funds appropriated to the agency for the acquisition of capital budget items.
- 25. Outside Legal Counsel Contracts Review Fee.** Included in amounts from the General Revenue Fund appropriated above for the 2026-27 biennium is \$310,000 in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, from the deposit of outside legal counsel review fees as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section 402.0212.
- 26. Outside Legal Contract Reviews, Reporting Requirement.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall report annually the number of outside legal contracts reviewed, approved, withdrawn, and disapproved pursuant to Government Code, Section 402.0212. The report shall include the benefit to the state from the approved outside legal contracts and shall list all outside legal contracts utilized by the Office of the Attorney General during the fiscal year. The Office of the Attorney General shall provide the Legislative Budget Board an annual report regarding outside legal contracts within 60 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year.
- 27. Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, Reporting Requirement.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall report the activities of the Human Trafficking Prevention Task Force, as established by Government Code, Section 402.035. The report shall include information on collaborations with federal, state, and local partners, statistical data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the state, and recommendations to enhance efforts to prevent human trafficking. The Office of the Attorney General shall provide the report pursuant to Government Code, Section 402.035(g).
- 28. Major Information Resources Project Oversight.** Out of funds appropriated above the Office of the Attorney General shall provide a project oversight role through the Executive Steering Committee for any major information resources project of the Office of the Attorney General, as defined by Government Code, Section 2054.003, valued over \$25.0 million. The Executive Steering Committee will provide executive-level strategic direction and commitment to any such project. The Attorney General or their designee shall chair the Executive Steering Committee. Membership of the Executive Steering Committee shall include the similar executive level representatives, including Chief Financial Officer, Information Resource Manager, technology sponsors, project managers, project contractors, independent verification & validation members, and members of the Quality Assurance Team or their designee.

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In addition, the Executive Steering Committee shall report any anticipated cost over-runs and project delays above the amounts identified for these projects above in Rider 2, Capital Budget Rider, to the Legislative Budget Board. Notwithstanding Rider 24, Capital Expenditures Authorized, any cost over-runs shall be paid from amounts appropriated above out of Appropriated Receipts.

Another Method of Finance may not be expended on this project for cost over-runs without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. Additional information requested from the Legislative Budget Board related to this approval shall be provided in a timely manner and shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board. A written request submitted to the Legislative Budget Board shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written approval within 30 business days of the date on which the Legislative Budget Board receives the request.

- 29. FTE Expenditure Limitation.** Funds appropriated above to the Office of the Attorney General in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, may only be used for FTE positions and costs associated with child support operations. Funds appropriated above to Strategy B.1.2, State Disbursement Unit, may only be used for the disbursement vendor contract costs and other associated costs specific to the State Disbursement Unit. Limitations of this rider does not prevent the transfer of funds between Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement and B.1.2, State Disbursement Unit as necessary for child support operations.
- 30. Human Trafficking Prevention.** Out of funds appropriated above for the Office of the Attorney General in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, \$2,793,255 from the General Revenue Fund, \$311,292 in Appropriated Receipts, and 33.0 FTEs in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for operations of the Human Trafficking Section.
- 31. Child Support Transferability.** The Office of the Attorney General may not transfer any funds into Goal B: Enforce Child Support Laws without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. A written request submitted to the Legislative Budget Board shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written approval within 30 business days of the date on which the Legislative Budget Board receives the request.
- 32. Denial of Legal Representation.** The Office of the Attorney General must notify the Legislative Budget Board of its denial of a state agency's request for representation in litigation within 48 hours of informing the client agency. The notification shall include a brief written statement that specifies the legal reasoning as to why the state agency's request was denied. The Legislative Budget Board must promptly inform the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the Office of the Attorney General's submitted notification.
- 33. Report on Certain Litigation.** It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Attorney General submit a report not later than December 31, 2026, to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance and the Legislative Budget Board concerning the amount of money spent during the previous two fiscal years on litigation related to the enforcement of the Election Code.
- 34. Child Support Enforcement Salary Limitation.**
- (a) The maximum amount the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) may expend in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Enforcement, for salary increases in and promotions to classified positions during a fiscal year may not exceed, without the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), the amount computed by multiplying the total amount spent by the agency in the same strategy in the preceding fiscal year for classified salaries times 2.0 percent.
  - (b) The maximum amount that may be spent for salary increases in and promotions to classified positions shall be computed separately for each fiscal year. Salary increases and promotions awarded in the first fiscal year of a biennium do not count against the maximum amount that may be spent for those increases in the second fiscal year of that biennium.
  - (c) Money spent to pay a salary increase for an employee who is promoted to a classified position title counts against the limitation prescribed by this rider only if, as a result of the

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promotion, the number of agency employees in that position title exceeds the maximum number of agency employees who have been in that position title at any time during the preceding six-month period.

- (d) A request to exceed the limitation prescribed by this rider must be submitted by the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee and must include at least:
  - (1) the date on which the Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee approved the request;
  - (2) a statement justifying the need to exceed the limitation; and
  - (3) the source of funds to be used to pay the salary increases.
- (e) The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor.
- (f) The comptroller shall prescribe accounting and reporting procedures necessary to ensure that the amount spent for salary increases and promotions does not exceed the limitations established by this rider.
- (g) Salary increases made in Article IX of this Act shall be excluded from computations made to determine the applicability of the approval requirements specified in this rider.

**35. Report on Use of Public Information Act Exceptions.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Attorney General shall annually submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 31 of each year on the number of Open Records Division rulings issued during that calendar year permitting the withholding of information under Texas Government Code, Section 552.108(a)(2) or (b)(2). The report shall include the attorney general's file identification number or opinion identification number, date of each ruling, and the name of the agency or other governmental body that sought the ruling.

**36. Legal Services Transferability and Reporting.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and Rider 12, Transfer Authority, the Office of the Attorney General may not transfer any funds into or out of Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, without receiving prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. Transfers related to indirect cost funding, as indicated in the agency's indirect cost rate plan, moved from other strategies into Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, are exempted from this approval process.

The Office of the Attorney General shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 30 calendar days after the close of each fiscal quarter which details the status of full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions included in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services. The report shall include the following information by position classification, and additionally aggregated, for the previous fiscal quarter:

- (a) Number of FTE positions budgeted;
- (b) Number of FTE positions filled;
- (c) Number of FTE positions vacant and posted with the intention of filling; and
- (d) Any additional information requested by staff of the Legislative Budget Board.

**37. Federal Forfeitures.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, are any unexpended and unobligated balances of federal forfeitures remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$80,000 in Federal Funds). Pursuant to Article IX, Section 13.01, all Federal Funds in the form of federal forfeitures in excess of amounts appropriated (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Office of the Attorney General to be used for purposes specified by the relevant equitable sharing agreements. Pursuant to Article IX, Section 13.08, Unexpended Balances, any balance of Federal Funds in the form of federal forfeitures that are unexpended as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for use in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.

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- 38. Chapter 554, Government Code Implementation.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, other than Article IX, Section 16.04, Judgments and Settlements, Subsection (b)(3), the Office of the Attorney General is prohibited from expending any monies appropriated by this Act for the purpose of making or facilitating a payment regarding any settlement or judgment relating to a lawsuit or claim filed pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 554, against the Attorney General.
- 39. Contingency for SB \_\_\_\_.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill \_\_\_\_, or similar legislation relating to compensation to victims of family violence, by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of the Attorney General is appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Victims Compensation, \$3,885,172 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,777,437 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469, and shall use 3.0 full-time-equivalent positions (FTEs) for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, for no purpose other than to implement the provisions of the legislation. Both the appropriated money and the FTEs are included in the amounts shown above.
- 40. Use of Asset Forfeiture Proceeds.** The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) shall expend all available balances in the General Revenue-Dedicated Account 5006, Attorney General Law Enforcement, and any other amounts collected as proceeds from state or federal asset forfeiture for the OAG’s Criminal Investigations Division whenever those balances exist and only when there are no such balances remaining may the agency expend monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the Criminal Investigations Division. The Office of the Attorney General shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee with a report quarterly within 30 calendar days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the 2026-27 biennium detailing amounts the agency received from state and federal asset forfeitures and amounts of these funds expended. The report shall also include the amounts expended from the General Revenue Fund for the Criminal Investigations Division.
- 41. Healthcare Antitrust Enforcement.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Legal Services, the Office of the Attorney General shall 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.

BOND REVIEW BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,230,022	\$ 1,205,021
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,230,022	\$ 1,205,021
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	11.0	11.0
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$156,742	\$156,742

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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: PROTECT TEXAS BOND RATING**

Issue Texas' Bonds Cost Effectively Using Sound Debt Mgmt. Policies.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: REVIEW BOND ISSUES</b>	\$	269,058	\$	264,308
Review State Debt Issues to Assure Legality and Other Provisions.				
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STATE BOND DEBT</b>		<u>269,058</u>		<u>264,308</u>
Report to the Legislature on Debt Obligation and Policy Alternatives.				
<b>Total, Goal A: PROTECT TEXAS BOND RATING</b>	\$	538,116	\$	528,616

**B. Goal: LOCAL BOND DEBT**

Ensure That Public Officials Have Current Info on Debt Management.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ANALYZE LOCAL BOND DEBT</b>	\$	461,037	\$	449,536
Analyze Data on Local Government Finance and Debt Management.				

**C. Goal: PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS**

Equitably Administer the Private Activity Bond Allocation for Texas.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTER PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS</b>	\$	230,869	\$	226,869
Effectively Administer the Private Activity Bond Allocation Program.				

<b>Grand Total, BOND REVIEW BOARD</b>	\$	<u>1,230,022</u>	\$	<u>1,205,021</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$	977,400	\$	977,400
Other Personnel Costs		10,000		10,000
Professional Fees and Services		30,000		30,000
Consumable Supplies		1,000		1,000
Travel		2,000		2,000
Rent - Building		500		500
Rent - Machine and Other		2,500		2,500
Other Operating Expense		<u>206,622</u>		<u>181,621</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$	<u>1,230,022</u>	\$	<u>1,205,021</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	82,824	\$	83,595
Group Insurance		147,507		151,686
Social Security		<u>66,187</u>		<u>66,803</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	<u>296,518</u>	\$	<u>302,084</u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Bond Review Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Bond Review Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Bond Review Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT TEXAS BOND RATING</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: REVIEW BOND ISSUES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of State Debt Issues and Lease-purchase Projects Reviewed	30	30
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STATE BOND DEBT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Responses to Debt Information Requests	110	110

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<b>B. Goal:</b> LOCAL BOND DEBT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ANALYZE LOCAL BOND DEBT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Local Government Financings Analyzed	1,700	1,700
<b>C. Goal:</b> PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ADMINISTER PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Applications Reviewed	175	175

**2. Unexpended Balances: Between Fiscal Years within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the Bond Review Board are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Bond Proceeds - General Obligation Bonds	300,000,000	300,000,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	11,000	11,000
	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 300,051,000	\$ 300,051,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	54.0	54.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Executive Officer, Group 9	\$282,277	\$282,277
Chief Scientific Officer	671,300	671,300
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION SVCS		
Create and Expedite Innovation in Cancer Research and Prevention Servs.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> AWARD CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS	\$ 250,465,472	\$ 250,482,212
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> AWARD CANCER PREVENTION GRANTS	27,197,521	27,199,381
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> GRANT REVIEW AND AWARD OPERATIONS	17,017,959	17,006,759
	<u>17,017,959</u>	<u>17,006,759</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION SVCS	\$ 294,680,952	\$ 294,688,352
<b>B. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 5,370,048</u>	<u>\$ 5,362,648</u>
<b>Grand Total, CANCER PREVENTION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS</b>	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>	<u>\$ 300,051,000</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,731,517	\$ 6,712,917
Other Personnel Costs	83,785	83,785
Professional Fees and Services	14,228,035	14,228,035
Consumable Supplies	24,000	24,000
Utilities	70,600	70,600
Travel	90,000	90,000
Rent - Building	11,000	11,000
Rent - Machine and Other	32,172	32,172
Other Operating Expense	1,116,898	1,116,898



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Grants	<u>277,662,993</u>	<u>277,681,593</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 300,051,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 300,051,000</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 436,666	\$ 440,727
Group Insurance	327,736	332,576
Social Security	355,516	358,823
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,633</u>	<u>2,141</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,122,551	\$ 1,134,267
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 269,704,143</u>	<u>\$ 293,315,783</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 270,826,694</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 294,450,050</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: CANCER RESEARCH AND PREVENTION SVCS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AWARD CANCER RESEARCH GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Entities Relocating to Texas for Cancer-Research Related Projects	2	2
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Published Articles on CPRIT-Funded Research Projects	1,000	1,000
Number of New Jobs Created and Maintained	3,000	3,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: AWARD CANCER PREVENTION GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Cancer Prevention and Control Services Provided by Institute Funded Grants	775,000	775,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Annual Age-adjusted Cancer Mortality Rate	136	134

**2. Reimbursement of Advisory Committees.** Out of funds appropriated above, reimbursement of travel costs shall be in accordance with provisions of this Act related to the per diem of Advisory Committee Members. Additionally, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas may provide an honorarium to members of the Scientific Research and Prevention Programs Committees as authorized in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 102 and in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2110.

To the maximum extent possible, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing.

**3. Transfer Authority.** The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of all appropriation transfers allowed under Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers.

**4. Quarterly Financial Report.** The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall submit the following information, to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board, and make available to the public on a quarterly basis:

- a. Information on appropriated, budgeted, expended and projected funds, by strategy and method of finance;
- b. Narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, and other information as appropriate;

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- c. Collections, expenditures, and balances for revenues generated by the Institute as of the last day of the prior month; and
- d. Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor.

5. Limitation on Expenditure for Contracts. Without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall not expend funds appropriated above to enter into any contract, including contract renewals, extensions, and increases and excluding grant awards under Health and Safety Code, Chapter 102, Subchapter F, in excess of \$1,000,000. Information requested by the Legislative Budget Board related to this request shall be provided in a timely manner and shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board. The written request must be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 45 business days prior to the date the contract is expected to be needed by the agency.

The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the contract request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

6. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made above are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall report the amount of unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, and carried forward into the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the fiscal year.

7. Unexpended Balances Between Biennia. Included in amounts appropriated above are any unexpended balances out of General Obligation Bond Proceeds (estimated to be \$0) remaining as of August 31, 2025, in appropriations made to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and re-appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. In addition to the amounts appropriated herein and above, all amounts previously appropriated to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas out of General Obligation Bond Proceeds and awarded, obligated, or otherwise encumbered but not previously expended are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas shall report the amount of encumbered but unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, and carried forward into the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, to the Legislative Budget Board no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the fiscal year.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 382,809,456	\$ 380,809,148
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,109,980	\$ 1,109,980
Interagency Contracts	847,910	847,910
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 1,957,890	\$ 1,957,890
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 384,767,346	\$ 382,767,038

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE): 3,041.3 3,041.3

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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Comptroller of Public Accounts, Group 6	\$153,750	\$153,750
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: COMPLIANCE WITH TAX LAWS</b>		
To Improve Voluntary Compliance with Tax Laws.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ONGOING AUDIT ACTIVITIES Maintain an Ongoing Program of Audit and Verification Activities.	\$ 123,028,989	\$ 122,642,919
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> TAX LAWS COMPLIANCE Improve Compliance with Tax Laws through Contact & Collection Program.	56,749,564	55,135,326
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TAXPAYER INFORMATION Provide Information to Taxpayers, Government Officials and the Public.	19,714,496	19,714,496
<b>A.4.1. Strategy:</b> TAX HEARINGS Provide Tax Hearings/Represent the Agency/Provide Legal Counsel.	<u>14,000,299</u>	<u>14,000,299</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> COMPLIANCE WITH TAX LAWS	\$ 213,493,348	\$ 211,493,040
<b>B. Goal: MANAGE FISCAL AFFAIRS</b>		
To Efficiently Manage the State's Fiscal Affairs.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACCOUNTING/REPORTING Proj Receipts/Disbursements; Complete Accounting/Reporting Resps.	\$ 32,887,104	\$ 32,887,104
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CAPPS IMPLEMENTATION Implement a Statewide Enterprise Resource Planning System.	53,429,835	53,429,835
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM Conduct Property Value Study; Provide Assistance; Review Methods.	15,643,048	15,643,048
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> TREASURY OPERATIONS Ensure State's Assets, Cash Receipts, and Warrants are Prop Secured.	6,375,777	6,375,777
<b>B.4.1. Strategy:</b> PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES Provide Statewide Procurement and Support Services.	<u>8,303,746</u>	<u>8,303,746</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> MANAGE FISCAL AFFAIRS	\$ 116,639,510	\$ 116,639,510
<b>C. Goal: MANAGE STATE REVENUE</b>		
Manage the Receipt and Disbursement of State Revenue.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> REVENUE & TAX PROCESSING Improve Tax/Voucher Data Processing, Tax Collection & Disbursements.	<u>\$ 54,634,488</u>	<u>\$ 54,634,488</u>
<b>Grand Total, COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 384,767,346</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 382,767,038</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 267,113,306	\$ 267,113,306
Other Personnel Costs	4,370,701	4,370,701
Professional Fees and Services	60,671,173	60,671,173
Fuels and Lubricants	44,983	44,983
Consumable Supplies	596,180	596,180
Utilities	3,612,776	3,612,776
Travel	3,290,569	3,290,569
Rent - Building	5,160,807	5,160,807
Rent - Machine and Other	8,194,761	8,194,761
Other Operating Expense	31,660,090	29,711,782
Capital Expenditures	<u>52,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 384,767,346</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 382,767,038</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 20,805,441	\$ 20,993,973
Group Insurance	41,515,935	42,690,359
Social Security	17,208,134	17,364,177

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Benefits Replacement	<u>69,675</u>	<u>56,646</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 79,599,185	\$ 81,105,155
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 2,272,646</u>	<u>\$ 2,443,724</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 81,871,831</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 83,548,879</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Comptroller of Public Accounts. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Comptroller of Public Accounts. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: COMPLIANCE WITH TAX LAWS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent Accuracy Rate of Reported Amounts on Original Audits	97%	97%
Average Monthly Delinquent and Other Account Closure Rate per Enforcement Collector	340	340
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ONGOING AUDIT ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Audits and Verifications Conducted	13,750	14,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Dollars Assessed to Dollar Cost	35	35
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: TAX LAWS COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Delinquent Taxes Collected Per Collection-related Dollar Expended	62	62
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TAXPAYER INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Responses Issued by Tax Policy	5,000	5,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Percent of Responses Issued by Tax Policy within 8 Working Days	30	30
<b>B. Goal: MANAGE FISCAL AFFAIRS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Scheduled Independent School Districts' Total Value in Which PTAD Met the Target Margin of Error	95%	95%
Percentage of Funds Processed Electronically	99%	99%
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Properties Included in the School District Property Value Study	115,000	115,000
<b>B.3.1. Strategy: TREASURY OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Days Required to Provide the Quarterly Updates to the Bond Appendix	12	12
<b>B.4.1. Strategy: PROCUREMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Historically Underutilized Business Field Audits and Virtual Audits Conducted	900	900
Number of Historically Underutilized Business Desk Audits Conducted	2,700	2,700
<b>C. Goal: MANAGE STATE REVENUE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Time Taken to Return Tax Allocations to Local Jurisdictions (Days)	21	21
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: REVENUE &amp; TAX PROCESSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Tax Returns Processed	6,500,000	6,500,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Hours to Deposit Receipts	7	7

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**2. Capital Budget.** Funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items listed below. The amounts identified for each item may be adjusted or expended on other capital expenditures, subject to the aggregate dollar restrictions on capital budget expenditures provided in the general provisions of this Act.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Daily Operations - Capital	\$ 10,522,696	\$ 10,522,696
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation - Disaster Recovery Services	\$ 1,322,890	\$ 1,322,890
c. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) ProjectONE/Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)	\$ 48,414,816	\$ 48,414,816
d. Legacy Modernization		
(1) State of Texas Accounting and Reporting Resource (STARR)	\$ 5,015,019	\$ 5,015,019
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>	<u>\$ 65,275,421</u>

- 3. Appropriation of Receipts.** The Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer appropriated funds and cash from the state agencies' funds and accounts to the Comptroller's Office to reimburse for the cost of mailing warrants and consolidating payments across agency and fund lines, making electronic transfers and data transmissions to financial institutions, vendors, and associated activities. These, and all sums received in refund of postage, insurance, and shipping costs for the cigarette stamp program, are hereby appropriated to the Comptroller's Office.
- 4. Employee Incentive Rider.** In addition to the existing authority and amounts related to employee compensation and benefits, the Comptroller of Public Accounts may expend amounts necessary from funds appropriated for the 2026-27 biennium for the purposes of enhancing compensation, providing incentives, or paying associated expenses for high performing employees within the Comptroller's Office.
- 5. Capital Expenditures Authorized.** Notwithstanding the limitations placed on the expenditure of funds for capital budget items contained in this Act, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to expend funds appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the acquisition of capital budget items.
- 6. Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to direct agency resources and transfer such amounts appropriated above between appropriation line items.
- 7. Unexpended Balances Carried Forward Between Biennia.** All unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated and/or allocated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts from the 2024-25 biennium due to efficiencies or other cost savings of the Comptroller are hereby appropriated for the 2026-27 biennium. The appropriations herein are for ensuring the continuation of high priority programs within the Comptroller's Office.
- 8. Appropriation of Unclaimed Property Handling Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Comptroller of Public Accounts in Strategy C.1.1, Revenue and Tax Processing, is an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium from Unclaimed Property handling fees, collected pursuant to Property Code, Section 74.509, to perform statutory obligations under Property Code, Sections 74.201, 74.203, 74.601, and 74.602 and to respond to public inquiries generated by the advertising program including, but not limited to, the hiring of temporary employees. Such amounts shall not exceed the amount of money credited to Unclaimed Property Receipts from unclaimed property proceeds.

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In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are below estimates provided herein, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 9. Uniform Statewide Accounting and Payroll Services and Technology.** There is hereby appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts all revenues received as a result of cost sharing arrangements with other state agencies, other governmental units, or non-government entities for software, technology, licensing arrangements, royalty receipts, or other charges or receipts from the sharing of technological or other information, expertise, services, or cooperative agreements of any kind. Such revenues shall be available to the Comptroller for the use of further enhancement of automation and technology services, computer services, and computer time.
- 10. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made herein to the Comptroller of Public Accounts are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 11. Reimbursement for Treasury Operations.** In accordance with Government Code, Section 404.071, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall determine the costs incurred in receiving, paying, accounting for, and investing money in funds and accounts which are entitled to receive temporary interest. An amount equal to these costs shall be deducted from the interest earned on such funds and accounts and is hereby appropriated for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.
- 12. Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standard.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall report to the Legislature once per biennium on the number of vehicles procured by each state agency that comply with state agency vehicle fuel standard described in Government Code, Section 2158.009, and the number of vehicles procured by each state agency that do not comply with the standard.
- 13. Appropriation of Liquidity Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Treasury Operations, is an estimated amount of \$125,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium from liquidity fees collected pursuant to Government Code, Section 404.027 for the purpose of contracting with or employing experts, including financial advisors, financial analysts, swap advisors, outside counsel, and other similar subject matter experts, as necessary, on state finance matters.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are below estimates provided herein, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- 14. Statewide Procurement Fees.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.4.1, Procurement and Support Services, is an estimated \$900,000 in Appropriated Receipts and an estimated \$712,910 in Interagency Contracts in each fiscal year of the biennium from receipts assessed under Government Code, Chapter 2155, Government Code, Section 2176.109, Local Government Code, Section 271.082, and Human Resources Code, Section 122.019 by the Statewide Procurement division within the Comptroller of Public Accounts for administration of statewide procurement services.
- 15. Report on the Implementation of the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall report annually to the Legislative Budget Board by October 1st of each fiscal year on the status of the implementation of the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS). The report shall include:
  - a. Project costs, including ongoing maintenance and support, in the prior two fiscal years and the projected costs of the current fiscal year;
  - b. Status of agencies which have transitioned to implementing CAPPS and a prioritization and timeline to transition remaining agencies to CAPPS;
  - c. Major implementation milestones met in the prior fiscal year and milestones to be met in the current fiscal year; and
  - d. Identification of information technology systems which have been retired as a result of implementation of CAPPS, including any cost savings resulting from those systems' retirements, and those which are expected to be retired in the current fiscal year.

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- 16. Contract Advisory Team Notification to Legislative Budget Board.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.4.1, Procurement and Support Services, the Contract Advisory Team (CAT) created by Government Code, Section 2262.101, shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with copies of each recommendation it makes under Government Code, Section 2262.101(a)(1), no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after making the recommendation. In addition, CAT shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with copies of any written explanation submitted by a state agency under Government Code, Section 2262.101(d)(2), no later than the 10th business day after CAT receives the explanation.
- 17. Information Technology Projects.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall submit a budget and schedule for information technology (IT) projects, including upgrades, enhancements, replacements, or additions of IT systems or components of IT systems, not later than September 1 of each year to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and staff of the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall include the following information for each project initiated in, ongoing during, and anticipated to be completed in the current fiscal year:
- a. Project description, including anticipated improvements or benefits;
  - b. Actual or estimated project cost, including method of finance detail;
  - c. Actual or estimated dates of project commencement and completion;
  - d. Projected annual costs for ongoing maintenance and support; and
  - e. Any additional information requested by staff of the Legislative Budget Board.

FISCAL PROGRAMS - COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,097,599,235	\$ 779,791,234
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education Account No. 116	\$ 5,400,000	\$ 5,400,000
Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary Account No. 494	406,704	UB
Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005	16,199,971	16,199,971
Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189	2,500,000	2,500,000
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 24,506,675	\$ 24,099,971
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 200,000,000	\$ 75,000,000
Federal Funds	859,397,986	859,397,986
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 1,059,397,986	\$ 934,397,986
<u>Other Funds</u>		
County and Road District Highway Fund No. 0057	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 7,300,000
Texas Broadband Infrastructure Fund No. 0191	233,400,000	233,400,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 240,700,000	\$ 240,700,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,422,203,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,978,989,191</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 55.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	61.0	61.0
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: CPA - FISCAL PROGRAMS

Comptroller of Public Accounts - Fiscal Programs.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS Pay misc claims/wrongful imprisonment, Gov't Code 403.074. Estimated.	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 13,000,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> REIMBURSE - BEVERAGE TAX Reimburse mix bev tax per Tax Code 183.051. Estimated.	345,301,000	364,893,000
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS Payment of Ch. 101, 104 CPR Code, Ch. 59 Educ Code. Fed Court Claims.	1,500,000	UB
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> COUNTY TAXES - UNIVERSITY LANDS Payment of County Taxes on University Lands. Estimated.	10,072,221	10,072,221
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> LATERAL ROAD FUND DISTRICTS Lateral Road Fund Distribution.	7,300,000	7,300,000
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> UNCLAIMED PROPERTY To Pay Legitimate Claims for Unclaimed Prop Held by State. Estimated.	330,628,679	330,628,678
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION FUNDS Allocate Law Enforcement Education Funds.	12,000,000	12,000,000
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> SUBSEQUENT CVC CLAIMS Subsequent Crime Victim Compensation Claims. Estimated.	406,704	UB
<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> GROSS WEIGHT/AXLE FEE DISTRIBUTION Distribution to Counties per Transportation Code 621.353. Estimated.	17,000,000	17,000,000
<b>A.1.10. Strategy:</b> HABITAT PROTECTION FUND	4,750,000	UB
<b>A.1.11. Strategy:</b> DISABLED VETERAN ASSIST PAYMENTS Disabled Veteran Assistance Payments to Cities and Counties.	34,700,000	34,700,000
<b>A.1.12. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BULLION DEPOSITORY	350,000	UB
<b>A.1.13. Strategy:</b> OPIOID ABATEMENT	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>A.1.14. Strategy:</b> COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT	<u>330,800,000</u>	<u>UB</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> CPA - FISCAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,110,308,604	\$ 792,093,899
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B. Goal: ENERGY OFFICE

Develop & Administer Programs That Promote Energy Efficiency.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENERGY OFFICE Promote and Manage Energy Programs.	\$ 1,783,506	\$ 1,783,506
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> OIL OVERCHARGE SETTLEMENT FUNDS Allocate Grants and Loans to Promote Energy Efficiency.	15,640,309	15,640,309
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> FEDERAL FUNDS Allocate Grants and Loans to Promote Energy Efficiency.	<u>22,471,477</u>	<u>22,471,477</u>

<b>Total, Goal B:</b> ENERGY OFFICE	\$ 39,895,292	\$ 39,895,292
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C. Goal: TEXAS BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BDO ADMINISTRATION Promote and Manage Broadband Programs.	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BDO FEDERAL FUNDS Allocate Federal Funds to Expand Broadband Services.	1,036,100,000	911,100,000
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BDO STATE FUNDS Texas Broadband Development Office State Funds.	<u>233,400,000</u>	<u>233,400,000</u>

<b>Total, Goal C:</b> TEXAS BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE	<u>\$ 1,272,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,147,000,000</u>
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<b>Grand Total, FISCAL PROGRAMS - COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,422,203,896</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,978,989,191</u></u>
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,402,185	\$ 2,402,185
Other Personnel Costs	114,413	114,413



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<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,422,203,896</u>	<u>\$ 1,978,989,191</u>
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## Employee Benefits

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 586,141</b>	<b>\$ 595,745</b>
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- |   | <u>2026</u> | <u>2027</u> |
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| <b>B. Goal: ENERGY OFFICE</b>                                 |             |             |
| <b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>                              |             |             |
| Utility Dollars Saved as a Percentage of Utility Expenditures | 19%         | 19%         |
| Utility Dollars Saved by LoanSTAR Projects (in Millions)      | 38          | 38          |

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judgment order of the trial court was entered, or a settlement agreement was executed, prior to September 1, 1995, or to the payment of eligible medical malpractice claims under Education Code, Chapter 59. All claims shall be prepared, verified and signed by the Office of the Attorney General.

- 6. International Fuel Tax Agreement.** Out of amounts collected as a result of the administration of Tax Code, Chapter 162, the Comptroller shall determine the amounts due other jurisdictions as reflected by motor fuels reports and other information available pursuant to an International Fuel Tax Agreement or otherwise subject to refund. Such amounts are hereby appropriated and may be segregated as necessary for remittance to other jurisdictions and for refunds as provided by law. Fees and costs associated with an International Fuel Tax Agreement may be paid from the interest earnings on amounts due other jurisdictions or subject to refund. The Comptroller may estimate the amounts due other jurisdictions or subject to refund out of amounts collected as a result of the administration of Tax Code, Chapter 162, and may segregate such funds as necessary for administration of the agreement.
- 7. Appropriation of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note Fund No. 0577.** There is hereby appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts all money deposited in the tax and revenue anticipation note fund for the purposes of paying principal of, premium (if any), interest on, and costs of issuance relating to tax and revenue anticipation notes issued during the biennium. To the extent that money deposited into the tax and revenue anticipation note fund is insufficient to pay the principal of, premium (if any), interest on, and costs of issuance relating to notes, there is hereby appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts from the General Revenue Fund amounts necessary for the full repayment of all principal of, premium (if any), and interest on any notes issued during the biennium.
- 8. Oil Overcharge Settlement Funds.** Included in funds appropriated above to Strategy B.1.1, Energy Office, and Strategy B.1.2, Oil Overcharge Settlement Funds, out of Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005, are funds allocated to the State of Texas through consent decrees, court decrees, and administrative orders involving violation of the mandatory petroleum pricing and allocation regulations, including the interest earned on those used by the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$31,280,618). Any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, out of Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005 are included in Strategy B.1.1, Energy Office, and Strategy B.1.2, Oil Overcharge Settlement Funds, and are to be used by SECO for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$1,119,324). In addition to amounts identified herein and included above, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, and all revenue generated on or after September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose.

Out of these estimated balances and revenues, the SECO shall allocate an estimated total of \$3,459,330 over the biennium based on the designations listed below. SECO is granted the discretion to prorate Oil Overcharge Funds based on these designations in the event that the total amount estimated by this allocation is not realized. The amounts below are hereby designated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the following purposes:

	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
Schools/Local Government Program	\$345,933 & UB	\$345,933 & UB
State Agencies/Higher Education Program	\$345,933 & UB	\$345,933 & UB
Renewable Energy Program	\$345,933 & UB	\$345,933 & UB
Transportation Energy Program	\$345,933 & UB	\$345,933 & UB
Alternative Fuels Program	\$345,933 & UB	\$345,933 & UB

Funds de-obligated from contracts within the above programs shall remain within the program. State Energy Program Administration funds are appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Energy Office.

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Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2305.032(f), funds available to the LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program out of the Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005 shall equal or exceed \$95,000,000 at all times. All unexpended and unobligated LoanSTAR balances (estimated to be \$1,119,324 of total balances noted above) and all revenues, except depository interest earned on LoanSTAR balances, generated by funds in the LoanSTAR Program (estimated to be \$27,821,288 of total revenues noted above), shall remain in the program. If a state agency or institution of higher education is a recipient of a loan under the statewide retrofit demonstration and revolving loan program, the agency or institution shall repay the loan from funds budgeted for the energy costs of the agency or institution.

9. Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Funds. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Energy Office and Strategy B.1.3, Federal Funds, are all funds allocated to the State of Texas by the U.S. Department of Energy to fund Pantex and State energy programs detailed below for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

The SECO shall allocate funds based upon the designations listed below:

	FY 2026	FY2027
Federal Funds: Pantex Programs		
Agreement in Principle (Remedial Clean Up Action)	\$1,697,555 & UB	\$1,697,555 & UB
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant	\$495,446 & UB	\$495,446 & UB
Federal Funds: State Energy Program		
State Energy Program (SEP) Grant	\$10,849,708 & UB	\$10,849,708 & UB
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)	\$2,424,305 & UB	\$2,424,305 & UB

10. Appropriation of Tax Refunds. As much of the respective taxes, fees, and charges, including penalties or other financial transactions administered or collected by the Comptroller as may be necessary is hereby appropriated and set aside to pay refunds, interest, and any costs and attorney fees awarded in court cases, as provided by law, subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- a. Unless another law, or section of this Act, provides a period within which a particular refund claim must be made, funds appropriated herein may not be used to pay a refund claim made under this section after four years from the latest date on which the amount collected or received by the State was due, if the amount was required to be paid on or before a particular date. If the amount was not required to be paid on or before a particular date, a refund claim may not be made after four years from the date the amount was collected or received. A person who fails to make a refund claim within the period provided by law, or this provision, shall not be eligible to receive payment of a refund under this provision.
- b. Except as provided by subsection "c", as a specific limitation to the amount of refunds paid from funds appropriated in this Act during the 2026-27 biennium, the Comptroller shall not approve claims or issue warrants for refunds in excess of the amount of revenue estimated to be available from the tax, fee, or other revenue source during the biennium according to the Biennial Revenue Estimate of the Comptroller of Public Accounts used for certification of this Act. Any claim or portion of a claim which is in excess of the limitation established by this subsection "b" shall be presented to the next legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made. The limitation established by this subsection "b" shall not apply to any taxes or fees paid under protest.
- c. Where the Biennial Revenue Estimate referenced in subsection "b" provides that no revenues are estimated to be available from a tax, fee, or other revenue source, and where a special fund or dedicated account has been abolished or the law creating the special fund or dedicated account has been repealed or has expired, any balances which may have been transferred or credited to the General Revenue Fund because of such abolishment, repeal or expiration are appropriated from that fund to pay refunds that are otherwise payable under this section.

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- d. From amounts collected pursuant to Business & Commerce Code, Section 102.052, there are hereby appropriated amounts necessary to pay a refund, settlement or judgment arising from litigation relating to the validity of the fee. Any portion of a settlement or judgment in excess of the amounts collected under Business and Commerce Code, Section 102.051, et seq., including interest, courts costs, or attorneys fees, shall be presented to the next legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made.
- 11. Appropriation of Hotel/Motel Taxes.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby appropriated out of hotel taxes collected under Tax Code, Chapter 156, amounts necessary to pay percentages to eligible coastal municipalities as calculated pursuant to Tax Code, Sections 156.2511 and 156.2512.
- 12. Cash Flow Transfer.** As required by Government Code, Section 403.092, for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund the amount needed:
  - a. to return any available cash that was transferred to the General Revenue Fund from a fund outside the state treasury; and
  - b. to maintain the equity of the fund from which the transfer was made.
- 13. Mixed Beverage Tax Reimbursements.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Reimburse - Beverage Tax, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall reimburse eligible incorporated municipalities and counties a portion of receipts from the collection of the mixed beverage gross receipts tax and mixed beverage sales tax at a rate of 10.7143 percent in accordance with Tax Code, Section 183.051.
- 14. Disabled Veteran Assistance Payments.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.11, Disabled Veteran Assistance Payments to Cities and Counties, is \$34,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$34,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Disabled Veterans Local Government Assistance Account No. 5160 for the purpose of providing assistance to qualified cities and counties pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 140.011. 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.
- 15. Appropriation of Texas Bullion Depository Receipts.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts is appropriated from the fees, charges, penalties, and other amounts related to the Texas Bullion Depository, including those received under Government Code, Chapter 2116, and Government Code, Section 403.0301, and the interest thereon, all sums necessary to implement, administer, and promote the Texas Bullion Depository. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 16. Habitat Protection Fund.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.10, Habitat Protection Fund, is \$4,750,000 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 for transfer to the Habitat Protection Fund outside the state treasury under Government Code, Section 403.452 to be used by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to:
  - (1) enter into contracts with state public universities to conduct research studies on species of interest, including candidate, threatened, or endangered species, and provide appropriate peer review and contract administration; and
  - (2) support the development or coordination of the development of a habitat conservation plan or a candidate conservation plan and pay the costs associated with implementing or monitoring the implementation of the plan.
- 17. Report on Local Continuing Education Allocations.** Out of funds appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall submit a report on the use of allocations made to local law enforcement agencies under Occupations Code, Section 1701.157, by December 1 of each year to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair

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of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor and staff of the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall include the following information for the allocations made in the previous year:

- a. Identification of each allocation made, including the recipient and amount of the allocation;
- b. The amount and percentage of the allocation that was expended by each local law enforcement agency;
- c. The number of training hours funded through the allocation for each local law enforcement agency; and
- d. A summary of the findings of any audit conducted by the Comptroller or the State Auditor's Office, pursuant to the authority provided in Occupations Code, Section 1701.157(c).

**18. Appropriations to the Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary Fund.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby appropriated any additional amounts as necessary in Strategy A.1.8, Subsequent CVC Claims, for the 2026-27 biennium from the General Revenue Fund for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Compensation to Victims of Crime Auxiliary Account No. 494 for the purpose of providing compensation payments made by the Comptroller's Office and authorized by the Crime Victims Compensation Act to victims of crimes previously not located by local departments within five (5) years after the court has ordered restitution.

**19. Texas Bullion Depository.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts, in Strategy A.1.12, Texas Bullion Depository, is \$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to facilitate operations of the Texas Bullion Depository, including costs incurred to withdraw, insure and transport precious metals from private or other depositories transferred to the Texas Bullion Depository. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**20. Report on Cost of Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for 100 Percent Disabled Veterans.**

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall conduct a study to determine the amount of ad valorem tax revenue that each county containing a United States military installation, each county adjacent to a county containing a United States military installation, and each municipality located in either type of those counties lost for the 2025 ad valorem tax year as the result of the granting of the exemption from ad valorem taxation required by Tax Code, Section 11.131, calculated by multiplying the ad valorem tax rate adopted by the county or municipality, as applicable, for the 2025 ad valorem tax year by the total appraised value of all property located in the county or municipality, as applicable, that was granted the exemption for that tax year.
- (b) The Comptroller shall prepare a report that states the amount of ad valorem tax revenue calculated under Subsection (a) of this section that was lost by:
  - (1) each municipality listed by name;
  - (2) each county listed by name; and
  - (3) all municipalities and counties in this state in the aggregate.
- (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the Comptroller shall submit the report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the Legislature.

**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. 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.

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**22. Unexpended Balances Carried Forward Between Biennia and Within the Biennium.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Texas BDO Federal Funds, and Strategy C.1.3, Texas BDO State Funds, any unexpended and unobligated balances, except from the General Revenue Fund, remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. The appropriations herein are for ensuring the continuation of high priority programs.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the Texas Broadband Development Office, except from the General Revenue Fund, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**23. Opioid Abatement Account.** All sums deposited to the General Revenue- Dedicated Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 not appropriated elsewhere are to be appropriated by the Legislature for distribution by the Comptroller. Included above in Strategy A.1.13, Opioid Abatement, is \$2,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 in each fiscal year of the biennium to defray administrative expenses incurred by the Comptroller related to the Texas Opioid Council to the extent allowed by statute.

Unexpended balances remaining in this strategy as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**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.

INFORMATIONAL LISTING OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE  
COMPTROLLER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND BRP

**1. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds.** The appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act to the Comptroller of Public Accounts - Social Security/Benefit Replacement Pay are subject to the following provisions. The following amounts shall be used for the purposes indicated.

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue, estimated	\$ 954,779,457	\$ 984,324,329
General Revenue-Dedicated, estimated	109,131,740	113,169,744
Federal Funds, estimated	144,639,867	145,674,694
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Other Special State Funds, estimated	23,143,057	23,518,765
State Highway Fund No. 006, estimated	79,124,289	79,749,159
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>102,267,346</u>	<u>103,267,924</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$1,310,818,410</b></u>	<u><b>\$1,346,436,691</b></u>

INFORMATIONAL LISTING OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE  
COMPTROLLER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND BRP  
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<b>A. Goal:</b> Social Security/Benefit Replacement Comptroller - Social Security		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> State Match - Employer State Match - Employer. Estimated.	\$1,308,797,248	\$1,344,793,485
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> Benefit Replacement Pay Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	2,021,162	1,643,206
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> Social Security/Benefit Replacement	<u>\$1,310,818,410</u>	<u>\$1,346,436,691</u>
<b>Grand Total, SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY</b>	<u>\$1,310,818,410</u>	<u>\$1,346,436,691</u>

**2. Transfer of Social Security Contributions and Benefit Replacement Pay.** Appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act for Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay shall be transferred by each agency from the Comptroller of Public Accounts to the agency based on estimated amounts by funding source for each fiscal year. Transfers should be made no later than September 15th of the year in which the payments are to be made. Adjustments and return of excess appropriation authority to the Comptroller's Office shall be completed by October 30th of the subsequent fiscal year.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b> General Revenue Fund	\$ 10,626,943	\$ 10,677,177
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u> Commission on State Emergency Communications Account No. 5007	\$ 23,820,732	\$ 24,849,293
911 Service Fees Account No. 5050	<u>32,674,426</u>	<u>31,545,168</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 56,495,158	\$ 56,394,461
Coronavirus Relief Fund	<u>\$ 554,620</u>	<u>\$ 192,357</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 67,676,721</u>	<u>\$ 67,263,995</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	26.0	26.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b> Executive Director, Group 4	\$171,688	\$171,688

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b> <b>A. Goal:</b> STATEWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICES Planning & Development, Provision & Enhancement of 9-1-1 Service.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> 9-1-1 NTWK OPER & EQUIP REPLACEMENT 9-1-1 Network Operations and Equipment Replacement.	\$ 50,303,074	\$ 49,619,566
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> NEXT GEN 9-1-1 IMPLEMENTATION	554,620	192,357
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> CSEC 9-1-1 PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	<u>1,814,273</u>	<u>1,867,915</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> STATEWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICES	\$ 52,671,967	\$ 51,679,838
<b>B. Goal:</b> POISON CONTROL SERVICES Maintain High Quality Poison Control Services in Texas.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> POISON CALL CENTER OPERATIONS	\$ 11,998,688	\$ 12,508,465

**COMMISSION ON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**  
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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE POISON NETWORK OPERATIONS	1,228,554	1,228,553
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> CSEC POISON PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	<u>412,322</u>	<u>433,831</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> POISON CONTROL SERVICES	\$ 13,639,564	\$ 14,170,849
<b>C. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 1,365,190</u>	<u>\$ 1,413,308</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> COMMISSION ON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	<u>\$ 67,676,721</u>	<u>\$ 67,263,995</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,602,421	\$ 2,659,810
Other Personnel Costs	65,989	67,621
Professional Fees and Services	2,228,480	1,957,477
Consumable Supplies	13,818	13,818
Utilities	310,805	310,805
Travel	84,147	84,147
Rent - Machine and Other	7,813	7,813
Other Operating Expense	1,129,225	1,176,613
Grants	<u>61,234,023</u>	<u>60,985,891</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 67,676,721</u>	<u>\$ 67,263,995</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 168,979	\$ 170,550
Group Insurance	324,411	334,850
Social Security	<u>141,753</u>	<u>143,072</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 635,143	\$ 648,472
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 462,818</u>	<u>\$ 497,657</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 1,097,961</u>	<u>\$ 1,146,129</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on State Emergency Communications. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on State Emergency Communications. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on State Emergency Communications shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> STATEWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICES		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Time Next Generation 9-1-1 System is Operational	99.5%	99.5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> 9-1-1 NTWK OPER & EQUIP REPLACEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of 9-1-1 Calls Received by State Program Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs)	2,560,000	2,590,000
<b>B. Goal:</b> POISON CONTROL SERVICES		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Time the Applications on the Texas Poison Control Network are Available	99.5%	99.5%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> POISON CALL CENTER OPERATIONS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Poison Control Calls Processed Statewide	380,750	382,500
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Statewide Cost per Poison Call Processed	37.37	37.2



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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	\$ 460,696	\$ 488,893
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 460,696	\$ 488,893
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Commission on State Emergency Communications		
Account No. 5007	\$ 121,343	\$ 142,239
911 Service Fees Account No. 5050	339,353	346,654
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 460,696	\$ 488,893
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 460,696	\$ 488,893

- 3. Equipment Replacement.** None of the funds appropriated above to Strategy A.1.1, 9-1-1 Network Operations and Equipment Replacement, may be used to replace or fund a reserve for future replacement of 9-1-1 equipment. The Commission on State Emergency Communications shall develop and submit a 10-year equipment replacement schedule to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office not later than November 1, 2025. The Commission on State Emergency Communications may modify the schedule as necessary during the biennium, due to changing conditions resulting in equipment failure that affects public safety, and shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of such modifications.
- 4. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium - Grants.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the Commission on State Emergency Communications for grants awarded in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Sections 777.009 and 771.051 are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 5. Regional Planning Commissions.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, 9-1-1 Network Operations and Equipment Replacement, is an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the biennium to be distributed to the Regional Planning Commissions for administration of the statewide 9-1-1 program. Each Regional Planning Commission shall submit a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) plan, pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2161, with its application.
- 6. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004 and Health and Safety Code, Section 777.008, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above, not to exceed \$10,000 per fiscal year, is limited to the following advisory committee: Poison Control Coordinating Committee.
- To the maximum extent possible, the Commission shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.
- 7. American Association of Poison Control Centers Accreditation.** Amounts appropriated above for grants in Strategy B.1.1, Poison Call Center Operations, shall be expended first on call taker positions and then on other positions directly affecting the American Association of Poison Control Centers accreditation before being expended on other positions or purposes related to call center operations.

TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 935,796	\$ 935,896
GR Dedicated - Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064	\$ 1,292,763	\$ 1,292,763
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,228,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,228,659</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	11.0	11.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$131,981	\$131,981
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: SOUND PENSION FUND</b>		
Ensure Actuarially Sound Pension Funds for Emergency Servs Personnel.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTER PENSION FUND</b>	\$ 2,084,851	\$ 2,084,951
Administer a Pension Fund for Emergency Services Personnel.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: RECRUITING AND TECHNICAL     ASSISTANCE</b>	<u>143,708</u>	<u>143,708</u>
Recruit New Depts, Provide Technical Assistance to Existing Depts.		
<b>Total, Goal A: SOUND PENSION FUND</b>	<u>\$ 2,228,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,228,659</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 2,228,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,228,659</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 775,096	\$ 775,096
Other Personnel Costs	26,845	26,945
Professional Fees and Services	69,478	69,478
Consumable Supplies	3,000	3,000
Utilities	640	640
Travel	9,249	9,249
Other Operating Expense	<u>1,344,251</u>	<u>1,344,251</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,228,559</u>	<u>\$ 2,228,659</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 56,967	\$ 57,435
Group Insurance	59,340	59,859
Social Security	49,095	49,502
Benefits Replacement	<u>531</u>	<u>432</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 165,933</u>	<u>\$ 167,228</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

TEXAS EMERGENCY SERVICES RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: SOUND PENSION FUND</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Period to Amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	30	30
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTER PENSION FUND</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Benefit Payments Distributed	48,000	48,200
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Annual Administrative Cost Per Pension Plan Member	99	99
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: RECRUITING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Onsite Visits	49	49

EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 471,730,000	\$ 471,730,000
State Highway Fund No. 006	<u>\$ 52,020,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,020,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 11.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTER RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>		
Administer Comprehensive and Actuarially Sound Retirement Programs.		
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: RETIREE DEATH BENEFITS</b>	13,750,000	13,750,000
Provide Lump-sum Retiree Death Benefits. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: LEGACY PAYMENTS</b>	<u>510,000,000</u>	<u>510,000,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: ADMINISTER RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>	\$ 523,750,000	\$ 523,750,000
<b>Grand Total, EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Other Personnel Costs	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 523,750,000</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Employees Retirement System. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Employees Retirement System. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Employees Retirement System shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTER RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
% of ERS Retirees Expressing Satisfaction with Member Benefit Services	97%	97%
Investment Expense as Basis Points of Net Position	15	15
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ERS RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of ERS Accounts Maintained	331,000	340,930
<b>B. Goal: ADMINISTER GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of HealthSelect Participants Satisfied with TPA Services	85%	85%

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B.1.1. Strategy: GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM  
Efficiencies:

Percent of Medical Claims Processed within 22 Business Days	98%	98%
HealthSelect Admin Fees as Percent of Total HealthSelect Costs	3%	3%

2. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds. The appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act to the Employees Retirement System are subject to the following provisions. The following amounts shall be used for the purposes indicated.

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund, estimated	\$ 2,701,071,167	\$ 2,890,569,982
General Revenue-Dedicated Accounts, estimated	176,967,039	191,137,224
Federal Funds, estimated	559,023,299	600,240,201
Other Funds		
State Highway Fund No. 006, estimated	\$ 395,421,368	\$ 423,330,181
Judicial Fund No. 573, estimated	4,181,582	4,181,582
Other Special State Funds, estimated	51,305,446	55,429,877
Subtotal, Other Funds	450,908,396	482,941,640
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 3,887,969,901	\$4,164,889,047
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	470.0	475.0
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Director	\$ 475,000	\$ 550,000
Director of Investments	520,000	575,000
A. Goal: ADMINISTER RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
Administer Comprehensive and Actuarially Sound Retirement Programs.		
A.1.1. Strategy: ERS RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
Provide Retirement Program for Employees and Retirees. Estimated.	\$ 932,741,111	\$ 946,885,355
A.1.2. Strategy: LECOS RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
Provide Retirement Program for Law Enf and Corr Officers. Estimated.	44,309,946	44,301,739
A.1.3. Strategy: JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PLAN 2		
Provide Retirement Program for State Judicial Officers. Estimated.	18,274,467	18,274,467
A.1.4. Strategy: JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PLAN 1		
Provide Payment of JRS-1 Benefits as Required by Law. Estimated.	16,593,585	16,593,585
A.1.5. Strategy: PUBLIC SAFETY DEATH BENEFITS		
Provide Benefits to Beneficiaries of Public Safety Workers. Estimated.	45,150,832	54,150,832
A.1.6. Strategy: RETIREE DEATH BENEFITS		
Provide Lump-sum Retiree Death Benefits. Estimated.	13,750,000	13,750,000

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<b>A.1.7. Strategy: LEGACY PAYMENTS</b>		
Provide Legacy Payments.	<u>510,000,000</u>	<u>510,000,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: ADMINISTER RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>		
	\$ 1,580,819,941	\$ 1,603,955,978
<b>B. Goal: ADMINISTER GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>		
Provide Employees and Retirees with Quality Group Benefits.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>		
Provide Basic Insurance Program to General State Employees. Estimated.	\$ 2,235,633,840	\$ 2,482,459,861
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PROBATION HEALTH INSURANCE</b>		
Insurance Contributions for Local CSCD Employees. Estimated.	<u>71,516,120</u>	<u>78,473,208</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: ADMINISTER GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM</b>		
	\$ 2,307,149,960	\$ 2,560,933,069
<b>Grand Total, EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
	<u>\$ 3,887,969,901</u>	<u>\$ 4,164,889,047</u>

- 3. Updated Actuarial Valuation.** The Employees Retirement System shall contract with an actuary to perform a limited actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Employees Retirement System as of February 28 in those years when the Legislature meets in regular session. The purpose of the valuation shall be to determine the effect of investment, salary, and payroll experience on the unfunded liability, the amortization period, and the state contribution rate, which results in a 30-year amortization period of the Retirement System.
- 4. State Contribution to Employees Retirement Program.** The amount specified above in A.1.1, ERS Retirement Program, is based on a state contribution of 9.5 percent of payroll for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, including annual membership fees of \$3 for contributing members for each fiscal year. Included in appropriations made in this Act is a total of \$932,741,111 in fiscal year 2026 and \$946,885,355 in fiscal year 2027 for the ERS Retirement Program.
- 5. State Contribution to the Law Enforcement and Custodial Officer Supplemental Retirement Fund (LECOS).** The amount specified above in A.1.2, LECOS Retirement Program, is based on 1.75 percent of covered payroll each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for LECOS members.
- 6. State Contribution to Judicial Retirement Program (JRS-2).** The amount specified above in A.1.3, Judicial Retirement System - Plan 2, is based on a state contribution of 19.25 percent of payroll for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for contributing members.
- 7. State Contribution to Group Insurance for General State Employees.** Funds identified above for group insurance are intended to fund:
- a. the total cost of the basic life and health coverage for all active and retired employees;
  - b. fifty percent of the total cost of health coverage for the spouses and dependent children of all active and retired employees who enroll in coverage categories which include a spouse and/or dependent children; and
  - c. the incentive program to waive participation in the Group Benefits Plan (Opt-Out).

In no event shall the total amount of state contributions allocated to fund coverage in an optional health plan exceed the actuarially determined total amount of state contributions that would be required to fund basic health coverage for those active employees and retirees who have elected to participate in that optional health plan.

During each fiscal year, the state's monthly contribution shall be determined by multiplying (1) the per capita monthly contribution as certified herein by (2) the total number of full-time active and retired employees, subject to any adjustment required by statute, enrolled for coverage during that month.

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For each employee or retiree that waives participation in the Group Benefit Program and enrolls in allowable optional coverage, the Employees Retirement System shall receive \$60 per month in lieu of the "employee-only" state contribution amount, and such amounts are included above in Strategy B.1.1, Group Benefits Program. The waived participant may apply up to \$60 per month towards the cost of the optional coverage.

Each year, upon adoption of group insurance rates by the Board of Trustees, the Employees Retirement System must notify the Comptroller, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor of the per capita monthly contribution required in accordance with this rider for each full-time active and retired employee enrolled for coverage during the fiscal year.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Employees Retirement System control the cost of the group insurance program by not providing rate increases to health care providers participating in HealthSelect during the 2026-27 biennium.

- 8. Excess Benefit Arrangement Account.** The Employees Retirement System is appropriated all funds transferred or deposited into the Excess Benefit Arrangement Account established in the General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5039, for the purpose of paying benefits as authorized by Government Code, Sections 815.5072 or 840.407.
- 9. Transfer of Retirement Contributions and Group Insurance.** Appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act for Retirement and Group Insurance contributions shall be transferred by each agency from the Employees Retirement System to the agency based on estimated amounts by funding source for each fiscal year. Transfers should be made no later than September 15 of the year in which the payments are to be made. Adjustments and return of excess appropriation authority to the Employees Retirement System shall be completed by October 30 of the subsequent fiscal year.
- 10. Federal Funds for Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program.** The Employees Retirement System (ERS) is hereby authorized to receive employer reimbursements of all federal funds applicable to Medicare Part D prescription drug reimbursement relating to benefits administered by ERS. Any federal funds received by ERS shall be deposited to the Employees Life, Accident and Health Insurance and Benefits Fund No. 973, or to such fund as established by the Legislature or the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay health claims for retired employees.
- 11. Appropriations for the Deferred Compensation Trust Fund and the TexaSaver Trust Fund.** All money deposited into the Deferred Compensation Trust Fund, Employees Retirement System No. 0945 and the TexaSaver Trust Fund No. 0946 pursuant to Government Code, Section 609.512 are hereby appropriated to the system for the 2026-27 biennium for the purposes authorized by law.
- 12. Tobacco User Monthly Premium Fee.** The Employees Retirement System, pursuant to the provisions of Insurance Code, Section 1551.3075, shall automatically apply a \$30 monthly tobacco user fee to any individual aged 18 or older covered under the state health plan unless the individual, during the individual's enrollment period, certifies that the individual does not use tobacco products. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall deposit revenue from the fee (estimated to be \$11,000,000 in each year of the 2026-27 biennium) into the Employees Life, Accident, Health Insurance and Benefits Trust Account.
- 13. Notification of Contracts Greater than \$10 Million.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the agency shall submit notice to the Legislative Budget Board at least ten business days prior to issuing a request for proposals for a contract, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.04 of this Act, with a value reasonably expected to exceed \$10 million. The notice shall be provided consistent with the agency's fiduciary duties. The notice shall be provided on a form prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The notice shall include:
  - a. a brief description of the request for proposals; and
  - b. criteria that will be evaluated, as identified in the request for proposals.

Additionally, the notice shall provide the following if ERS' processes have changed substantially from the prior request for proposals subject to this notice provision:

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- a. an explanation of the agency's evaluation process;
- b. guidelines for evaluators;
- c. methodology for evaluating additional factors not anticipated during planning; and
- d. methods for verifying the mathematical accuracy of the evaluation.

In addition to the requirements of this rider, the agency shall comply with all reporting requirements under Article IX, Section 7.11, Notification of Certain Purchases or Contract Awards, Amendments, and Extensions, of this Act.

**14. Health Clinic at a State Agency or Institution of Higher Education.** Out of appropriations made in this and other articles of this Act for the Group Benefits Program, the board of trustees may operate or contract with a person to operate an onsite, or near-site, health clinic at a state agency or institution of higher education. The board may only operate or contract for a clinic if the board determines that:

- a. the clinic can be operated on a cost-neutral or cost-positive basis to the health plan;
- b. there is sufficient health plan participation in the area where the proposed clinic will operate; and
- c. no funds will be spent by the board for the cost of acquiring or building the clinic, capital expenses, or acquiring equipment.

**15. Health Related Institutions Savings.** It is the intent of the legislature that the HealthSelect of Texas network administered under the Employees Retirement System of Texas Group Benefits Program shall maintain competitive and favorable contracted provider rates with Health Related Institutions receiving appropriations under this Act. The Employees Retirement System may initiate and continue innovative value-based plan design models and partnerships with Health Related Institutions.

**16. Right to Shop Incentive.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Employees Retirement System incentivize participants to shop for lower cost care within the health plan in order to achieve shared savings. In accordance with existing laws, the agency may contract with one or more third-party vendors for this purpose.

**17. Public Safety Death Benefits.** Notwithstanding the transfer provisions contained in Article IX of this Act, the Employees Retirement System is prohibited from transferring appropriated funds from Strategy A.1.5, Public Safety Death Benefits to other strategies.

TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,814,474	\$ 3,760,669
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 4,814,474	\$ 3,760,669
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	31.4	31.4
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$152,604	\$152,604
General Counsel	144,000	144,000

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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: ADMINISTER ETHICS LAWS**

Administer Public Disclosure/Ethics Laws.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DISCLOSURE FILING</b>	\$	472,405	\$	463,155
Serve as the Repository for Statutorily Required Information.				
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL</b>		843,448		792,721
Perform All Legal and Regulatory Functions of the Agency.				
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		<u>1,479,405</u>		<u>830,825</u>
Respond to Complaints and Enforce Applicable Statutes.				

<b>Total, Goal A: ADMINISTER ETHICS LAWS</b>	\$	2,795,258	\$	2,086,701
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**B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION**

<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$	580,678	\$	527,179
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES</b>		<u>1,438,538</u>		<u>1,146,789</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$	<u>2,019,216</u>	\$	<u>1,673,968</u>
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<b>Grand Total, TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION</b>	\$	<u><u>4,814,474</u></u>	\$	<u><u>3,760,669</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$	3,055,064	\$	3,055,064
Other Personnel Costs		243,667		36,861
Professional Fees and Services		614,455		14,455
Consumable Supplies		2,540		2,540
Utilities		1,880		1,880
Travel		9,285		9,285
Rent - Building		2,980		2,980
Rent - Machine and Other		8,179		8,179
Other Operating Expense		181,534		181,535
Capital Expenditures		<u>694,890</u>		<u>447,890</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$	<u><u>4,814,474</u></u>	\$	<u><u>3,760,669</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	217,600	\$	219,623
Group Insurance		377,268		387,927
Social Security		182,734		184,433
Benefits Replacement		<u>1,358</u>		<u>1,104</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

	\$	<u><u>778,960</u></u>	\$	<u><u>793,087</u></u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Ethics Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Ethics Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Ethics Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTER ETHICS LAWS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Advisory Opinion Requests Answered by Commission within 120 Working Days of Receipt	90%	90%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DISCLOSURE FILING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Reports Logged within Two Days of Receipt	92,485	92,485
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time (Business Days) to Answer Advisory Opinion Requests	75	75



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<b>A.1.3. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Sworn Complaints Processed	500	500
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Business Days to Process Sworn Complaints	4	4

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Vendor Support for Electronic Filing & Disclosure Database Systems	\$ 447,890	\$ 447,890
b. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Managed Cloud Services for TEC Electronic Filing System	\$ 247,000	\$ UB
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 694,890</u>	<u>\$ 447,890</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 694,890	\$ 447,890
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 694,890</u>	<u>\$ 447,890</u>

**3. Judgments and Settlements.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04, Judgments and Settlements, of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under 42 U.S.C §1983 that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Ethics Commission, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Ethics Commission, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated above to the Texas Ethics Commission.

**4. Appropriation for Retirement Payments.** Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Ethics Commission for fiscal year 2026 are the following amounts: in Strategy A.1.1, Disclosure Filing, \$9,250; in Strategy A.1.2, Office of the General Counsel, \$50,727; in Strategy A.1.3, Enforcement, \$48,581; in Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, \$53,499; and in Strategy B.1.2, Information Resources, \$44,749 for the sole purpose of payment of unused annual leave to retiring agency employees.

Any unexpended balances in the appropriation made herein and remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any part of the appropriation made for retirement payouts due at the time of agency employees' retirement that are not necessary for that purpose shall be lapsed by the agency at the end of the biennium.

**5. Oversight of the Electronic Filing System.** The Texas Ethics Commission shall provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board with an accounting of vendor transactions related to the Electronic Filing System in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

**6. Legal Services.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Enforcement, for fiscal year 2026 is \$600,000 out of the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Ethics Commission for the sole purpose of the procurement of outside legal counsel related to the enforcement or defense of laws under the Commission's jurisdiction.

Any unexpended balances in the appropriation made herein and remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any part of the appropriation made for the procurement of outside legal counsel that are not necessary for that purpose shall be lapsed by the agency at the end of the biennium.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 232,499,695	\$ 81,930,102
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 1,133,091	\$ 1,133,091
Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570	3,007,779	2,612,881
Deferred Maintenance Account No. 5166	<u>121,399,509</u>	<u>UB</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 125,540,379	\$ 3,745,972
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 2,830,604	\$ 2,866,560
Interagency Contracts	<u>25,791,315</u>	<u>25,958,153</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 28,621,919	\$ 28,824,713
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 386,661,993</u>	<u>\$ 114,500,787</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 289,755	\$ 295,624
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	631.8	631.8
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 7	\$208,161	\$208,161
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING Provide Office Space for State Agencies through Constr/Leasing Svcs.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASING Provide Quality Leased Space for State Agencies at the Best Value.	\$ 808,969	\$ 828,163
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> FACILITIES PLANNING Ensure State Optimizes Use of Leased/Purchased/Constructed Off Space.	833,597	505,045
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> FACILITIES DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION Ensure Facilities Are Designed & Built Timely/Cost Eff/High Quality.	<u>152,607,037</u>	<u>9,830,453</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING	\$ 154,249,603	\$ 11,163,661
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROPERTY & FACILITIES MGMT & OPS Protect & Cost Effectively Manage/Operate/Maintain State Facilities.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CUSTODIAL Provide Cost-effective/Efficient Custodial Svcs for State Facilities.	\$ 10,832,577	\$ 10,906,663
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> FACILITIES OPERATION Provide a Comprehensive Pgm to Protect State's Invstmnt in Facilities.	182,268,616	53,512,274
<b>B.2.2. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS Make Lease Payments on Facilities Financed by the Public Finance Auth.		
<b>B.2.3. Strategy:</b> UTILITIES Make Utility Payments for Specified State Facilities.	<u>20,484,759</u>	<u>20,484,759</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROPERTY & FACILITIES MGMT & OPS	\$ 213,585,952	\$ 84,903,696

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C. Goal: SURPLUS PROPERTY

Provide Support Services to State Agencies for Surplus Property.

C.1.1. Strategy: STATE SURPLUS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT	\$	1,329,834	\$	1,365,790
Provide Timely and Cost-effective Disposal of State Surplus Property.				
C.1.2. Strategy: FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY MANAGEMENT		2,849,886		2,454,988
Provide Timely and Cost-effective Disposal of Federal Surplus Property.				
Total, Goal C: SURPLUS PROPERTY	\$	4,179,720	\$	3,820,778

D. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

D.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	10,369,806	\$	10,458,931
D.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES		4,276,912		4,153,721
Total, Goal D: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$	14,646,718	\$	14,612,652
Grand Total, FACILITIES COMMISSION	\$	386,661,993	\$	114,500,787

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	41,818,139	\$	42,947,227
Other Personnel Costs		497,557		542,784
Professional Fees and Services		5,373,461		4,392,548
Fuels and Lubricants		316,445		316,445
Consumable Supplies		602,580		602,680
Utilities		21,683,628		21,684,578
Travel		228,794		223,794
Rent - Building		8,600		8,600
Rent - Machine and Other		348,269		348,269
Other Operating Expense		44,538,870		41,582,862
Capital Expenditures		271,245,650		1,851,000
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	386,661,993	\$	114,500,787

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	2,995,637	\$	3,020,298
Group Insurance		6,195,265		6,357,444
Social Security		2,478,103		2,498,573
Benefits Replacement		5,769		4,690
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	11,674,774	\$	11,881,005

Debt Service

TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$	10,921,370	\$	9,433,334
Lease Payments		11,246,951		12,093,586
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$	22,168,321	\$	21,526,920

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act

\$	33,843,095	\$	33,407,925
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Facilities Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Facilities Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Facilities Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND LEASING Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percentage of Completed Construction Projects on Schedule within Budget	90%	90%

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A.1.1. Strategy: LEASING

Explanatory:

Total Square Footage of Office and Warehouse Space Leased	8,740,000	8,740,000
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A.1.2. Strategy: FACILITIES PLANNING

Efficiencies:

The Percentage Occupancy of All State Owned Space Assigned to TFC	100%	100%
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B. Goal: PROPERTY & FACILITIES MGMT & OPS

B.1.1. Strategy: CUSTODIAL

Efficiencies:

Cost Per Square Foot of Contracted Custodial Services in TFC-Managed Facilities Funded by General Revenue Appropriations and Located within Travis and Surrounding Counties	1	1
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Cost Per Square Foot of Contracted Custodial Services in TFC-Managed Facilities Funded by General Revenue Appropriations and Located outside Travis and Surrounding Counties	1.35	1.35
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B.2.1. Strategy: FACILITIES OPERATION

Efficiencies:

Average Number of Days to Complete Maintenance Requests	10	10
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Average Number of Days to Respond to Maintenance Requests	1	1
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The Percentage of Maintenance and Renewal Appropriations Encumbered and under Contract	40%	40%
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Cost Per Square Foot of All Management, Maintenance, Guard Services, and Operations in TFC-managed Facilities Funded by General Revenue Appropriations and Located outside Travis and Surrounding Counties	3.25	3.25
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Cost Per Square Foot of All Management, Maintenance, Guard Services, and Operations in TFC-managed Facilities Funded by General Revenue Appropriations and Located within Travis and Surrounding Counties	3.5	3.5
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2. Information Listing of Appropriated Funds. The appropriations made in this and other Articles of this Act to the Texas Facilities Commission for lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority are subject to the following provision. The following amounts shall be used for the purpose indicated.

	For the Years Ending August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund, estimated	\$82,902,981	\$89,143,661 &UB
Total, Method of Financing, Lease Payments	\$82,902,981	\$89,143,661 &UB

3. Capital Budget. None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Capital Complex Phase 1 (Construction)	\$ UB	\$ UB
(2) Capital Complex Phase 2	UB	UB
(3) Guadalupe County Medical Facility	UB	UB
(4) Texas-Mexico Border Wall	1,000,000	UB
(5) Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center	UB	UB
(6) TSLAC Records and Archive Facility	UB	UB
(7) James Earl Rudder Building Renewal	43,000,000	UB

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(8) Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facilities	<u>100,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
Total, Construction of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 144,000,000	\$ UB
b. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Deferred Maintenance	\$ UB	\$ UB
(2) Lyndon Baines Johnson Building Renovation	UB	UB
(3) Maintenance and Renewal Program - Renewal Construction	121,399,509 & UB	UB
(4) Federal Surplus Property Facilities Renovation and Support	440,000	UB
(5) Workplace Optimization	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total Repair or Rehabilitation of Building and Facilities	\$ 123,339,509	\$ 1,500,000
c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Facilities Operations Capital Equipment and Other Items	\$ 3,985,141	\$ UB
(2) Secure Workplace Environment	<u>1,968,439</u>	<u>441,560</u>
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ 5,953,580	\$ 441,560
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 859,982	\$ 689,069
e. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity Services	<u>\$ 723,644</u>	<u>\$ 725,644</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 274,876,715</u>	<u>\$ 3,356,273</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 152,801,992	\$ 3,121,059
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund		
Account No. 570	\$ 447,847	\$ 7,847
Deferred Maintenance Account No. 5166	<u>121,399,509</u>	<u>UB</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 121,847,356	\$ 7,847
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 109,258	\$ 109,258
Interagency Contracts	<u>118,109</u>	<u>118,109</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 227,367</u>	<u>\$ 227,367</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 274,876,715</u>	<u>\$ 3,356,273</u>

**4. Transfer Authority - Utilities.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, in order to provide for unanticipated cost increases in purchased utilities during fiscal year 2026, the Texas Facilities Commission may transfer such amounts as may be necessary to cover such increases from appropriations made in fiscal year 2027 for utilities in B.2.3, Utilities, to amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2026 for utilities. Prior to transferring fiscal year 2027 funds into the 2026 fiscal year, notification shall be given to the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the amounts to be transferred and quarterly reports shall be filed with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor detailing the necessity for such transfers.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated for purchased utilities in Strategy B.2.3, Utilities, as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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- 5. Employee Testing.** Out of the funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission may pay for medical testing for employees or prospective employees that work in high risk environment areas (e.g., asbestos removal, sewage). Funds appropriated above may also be expended for immunizations which are required of employees at risk in the performance of these duties. Testing performed under this provision must be approved by the Executive Director and obtained for the safety of the employee or the general public.
- 6. Cost Recovery, Reimbursement of Monies from the General Revenue Fund.** In the event that the Leasing Services Program or any other function funded with monies from the General Revenue Fund in the above strategies recovers operational costs through reimbursements from other agencies or entities, the Texas Facilities Commission shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund for the amounts expended. Upon reimbursement, the Comptroller shall transfer these funds to unappropriated General Revenue Fund balances.
- 7. Texas Facilities Commission's Revolving Account.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall maintain the "Texas Facilities Commission's Revolving Account" to account for the expenditures, revenues, and balances of the Commission's full cost-recovery operations of Minor Construction and Project Management. The expenditures, revenues, and balances for each operation shall be maintained separately by the Texas Facilities Commission within its accounting system. Included in funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, are unexpended and unobligated balances for these operations as of August 31, 2025, (not to exceed \$1,200,000 in Interagency Contracts) for use during the 2026-27 biennium, along with any revenues received during the biennium. Any unobligated balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same use during fiscal year 2027.
- 8. Standby Pay.** It is expressly provided that the Texas Facilities Commission, to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call time at the following rates: credit for one hour worked for each day on-call during the normal work week, and two hours worked for each day on-call during weekends and on holidays. This credit shall be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours and actual hours worked during on-call status. For employees subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), an hour of on-call service shall be considered to be an hour worked during the week for purposes of the FLSA only to the extent required by federal law.
- 9. Capitol Complex - Utilities.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, the Texas Facilities Commission shall be responsible for the payment of all utility costs out of appropriated funds in Strategy B.2.3, Utilities, for the Capitol, the Capitol Extension, the Historic Capitol Grounds, the 1857 General Land Office Building, and the State History Museum. For purposes of this rider, utility costs include electricity, water, wastewater, and natural gas.

Notwithstanding Article IX Sec. 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, or similar provisions of this Act, no funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.3, Utilities, (\$20,484,759 in fiscal year 2026 and \$20,484,759 in fiscal year 2027) may be transferred by the agency to another appropriation item or be used by the agency for a purpose other than payment of utility expenses or for the payment of verification costs and loans obtained through the State Energy Conservation Office and/or the Texas Public Finance Authority for implementation of energy efficiency programs and projects without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.

The Texas Facilities Commission requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board to use funds originally appropriated for utility expenses for another purpose 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.

Additionally, the Texas Facilities Commission shall provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board detailing monthly utility expenditures.

Notwithstanding Article IX Sec. 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, or similar provisions of the Act, savings generated from the implementation of energy efficiency programs contained in Strategy B.2.3, Utilities, may be reinvested in additional energy efficiency programs.

Any unexpended balances in Strategy B.2.3, Utilities, remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**10. Night Shift Differential.** The Texas Facilities Commission, to the extent provided by law, is authorized to pay an additional night shift differential to eligible agency employees within the Facilities Design and Construction Division and the Planning and Real Estate Management Division.

**11. Federal Surplus Property Program.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Federal Surplus Property program pursuant to Government Code, Section 2175.369 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, are any balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2025, in General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570.

Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.2, Federal Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, is all revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$3,007,779 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,612,881 in fiscal year 2027) deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570, including 15.7 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 4.0 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the Federal Surplus Property Program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of General Revenue-Dedicated Federal Surplus Property Service Charge Fund Account No. 570 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

"Other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$289,755 for fiscal year 2026 and \$295,624 for fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**12. State Surplus Property Program.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the State Surplus Property program pursuant to Government Code, Section 2175.188 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategies C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources.

Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, are any balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2025, out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

Also, included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, State Surplus Property Management, D.1.1, Central Administration, and D.1.2, Information Resources, is all balances and revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$1,453,047 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,489,003 in fiscal year 2027 out of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program), including 18.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in each fiscal year. In addition, the agency is authorized to use up to 4.0 FTEs otherwise allocated to support the State Surplus Property Program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of Appropriated Receipts from the State Surplus Property Program remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- a. Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Facilities Commission shall maintain a surplus property inventory information system to efficiently process and manage the State Surplus Property Program inventory and facilitate the tracking of property sales conducted by the Texas Facilities Commission.

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- b. Based on an annual risk assessment, the Texas Facilities Commission shall target the education and outreach efforts of the State Surplus Property Program to select state agencies to ensure appropriate and timely identification of disposition of eligible surplus property.
- c. The Texas Facilities Commission shall develop and track performance benchmarks and targets necessary to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the State Surplus Property Program, specifically evaluating the timeliness, cost, and profitability of program operations. The Texas Facilities Commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, no later than October 15 in each year of the biennium, on the following:
  - 1. Surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2025 operations shall contain a five-year history of sales proceeds by method of sale.
  - 2. Distribution of surplus property sales proceeds for the previous fiscal year, including, at a minimum, remittances to state agencies, expenditures by the State Surplus Property Program, and amounts returned to the General Revenue Fund. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2025 operations shall contain a five-year history of the distribution of sales proceeds.
  - 3. Breakout of the direct and indirect operational costs incurred by the State Surplus Property Program during the previous fiscal year. In addition, the report submitted for fiscal year 2025 operations shall contain a five-year history of program costs.
  - 4. Percent of the estimated inventory value of surplus property items recovered through disposal, by sales method, for the previous fiscal year. Inventory value is defined as the estimated value assigned to an item upon receipt by the program.
  - 5. Timeliness of surplus property disposal for the previous fiscal year by method of sale. Timeliness is defined as the time, in business days, between receipt of the property by the program and final disposition of the property through sale, salvage, donation, or other means of disposal.
  - 6. Description of the risk assessment process used in item (b) of this rider, and the resulting agencies targeted by education and outreach efforts. Briefly describe the education and outreach efforts used in targeting these agencies and how they differ from standard program efforts.

**13. Public-Private Partnerships Limitation.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Texas Facilities Commission may not expend amounts appropriated above on any activities related to public-private partnerships, as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 2267, Public and Private Facilities and Infrastructure, within the Capitol Complex as defined by Government Code, Section 443.0071(b).

**14. Capital Construction on Behalf of State Agencies.** Any capital items related to construction of buildings and facilities including minor construction on behalf of other state agencies provided by the Facilities Commission do not apply to the Commission for the purpose of the capital budget rider limitations specified in Article IX, Sec. 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, of the General Provisions of this Act. The state agency requesting construction of building and facilities including minor construction must have the requisite capital budget authority to support its request.

**15. Construction of New Facilities - Unexpended Balances of Revenue Bond Proceeds.** In addition to the amounts appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission, in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, are unexpended and unobligated balances of revenue bond proceeds issued under the provision of Rider 19, Texas Facilities Commission Bill Pattern, in House Bill 1, Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, (estimated to be \$0) and Rider 16, Texas Facilities Commission Bill Pattern, in House Bill 1, Eighty-sixth Legislature, 2019, (estimated to be \$0) in fiscal year 2026, both for the construction of the Capitol Complex and North Austin Complex (phases 1 and 2).

Any unexpended balances in the appropriation made herein and remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes as identified in the respective original appropriations provisions for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



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Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, unexpended and unobligated balances of revenue bond proceeds appropriated by this section, including funding previously appropriated for the North Austin Complex and Capitol Complex, may be expended only for the construction of Phase 2 of the Capitol Complex project.

- 16. Unexpended Balances of General Revenue - Dedicated Deferred Maintenance Account No. 5166.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Facilities Operation, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for deferred maintenance or maintenance & renewal from General Revenue-Dedicated Deferred Maintenance Account No. 5166 (Fund 5166) are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances in Fund 5166 described above and remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- 17. Construction Encumbrances.** Any funds legally encumbered for construction contracts for projects which are in effect as of August 31, 2025, are considered encumbered and may be carried forward to fiscal year 2026.

- 18. Sale of Hobby Building.** Contingent on the sale of the William P. Hobby Jr. State Office Building in Travis County pursuant to either general or specific law, all proceeds from that sale are appropriated, in addition to funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act for similar purposes, to the Texas Facilities Commission for the sole purpose of funding the Capitol Complex - Phase 2 construction project as identified in this Act.

The funds appropriated by this provision, if and when available for expenditure, shall be expended on the project prior to the expenditure of any other funds lawfully available. Further, the funds appropriated by this provision shall be fully expended within two years of the close of the sale of the Hobby Building.

- 19. Capitol Complex Master Plan.** Included in the amounts above in fiscal year 2026 is \$250,000 in General Revenue in Strategy A.1.2, Facilities Planning, to develop and publish the Capitol Complex Master Plan pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 2166.105. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, identified in this rider are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- 20. Construction of New Facilities - Transfer Authority for Economic Stabilization Funds.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, any unexpended and unobligated balances of economic stabilization funds originally appropriated under the provision of Section 3, Facilities Commission: Capitol Complex Phase 1, of House Bill 2, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and appropriated by Section 8.03 of Senate Bill 30, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, shall be utilized for the construction of Phase 2 of the Capitol Complex project, in addition to amounts appropriated for such purpose elsewhere in this Act.

- 21. Border Wall Maintenance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Facilities Commission is \$1,000,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy B.2.1, Facilities Operations, to contract with the Texas Department of Transportation, for the purpose of maintaining structures and facilities constructed by the agency directly related to the Texas-Mexico border wall. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfers, funds appropriated for this purpose may not be used for any other purpose.

The agency shall provide a report of these maintenance activities, including details on expenditures and encumbrances, to the Legislative Budget Board no later than January 1, 2026, and every quarter thereafter.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of the appropriation identified in this rider remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- 22. Transfer Authority - Capitol and North Austin Complex, Phase 1.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Sections 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, in order to provide for unanticipated cost increases related to construction of the Capitol Complex and North

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Austin Complex (collectively known as the “Project”), the Texas Facilities Commission may transfer such amounts as necessary and available between Phase 1 capital budget items of the Project to support ongoing construction activities.

- 23. Completion of TSLAC Records and Archives Facility.** The Texas Facilities Commission shall cover all costs for the completion of construction and establishment of a fully operational Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) records and archives facility, including costs related to furnishing the new building and expenses related to moving from existing TSLAC facilities, out of funds appropriated for this purpose.
- 24. Capitol Complex Tenant Communications.** The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) shall notify all agencies with a physical presence in the Capitol Complex of any planned construction or repair that might lead to a disruption of utilities or other services that would require Capitol Complex agencies to restrict or suspend agency operations. This notification must occur no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled construction or repair. The TFC must consider objections raised by a Capitol Complex agency’s executive director (or their designee) to the planned construction or repair disruption and, if possible, provide alternative options to complete the required construction or repair.

Should TFC not provide timely notification as required by this rider, or if the TFC is unable to provide an acceptable alternative option, the affected Capitol Complex agency or agencies may seek compensation from TFC for costs incurred due to the disruption from appropriations made above in Strategy B.2.1, Facilities Operation, through an interagency transfer approved by the Legislative Budget Board. All interagency transfers approved by the Legislative Budget Board under this rider shall be reported to the Comptroller within ten business days.

- 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 \$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.

- 26. Building Information Modeling.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$1,346,064 in fiscal year 2026 in General Revenue in Strategy A.2.1, Facilities Design and Construction, for the Building Information Modeling program. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, identified in this rider are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 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.

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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.

**PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,283,374	\$ 1,283,374
<u>Other Funds</u>		
TPFA Series B Master Lease Project Fund	\$ 439,477	\$ 489,344
Bond Proceeds - Revenue Bonds	<u>580,977</u>	<u>618,256</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 1,020,454</u>	<u>\$ 1,107,600</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,303,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,390,974</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	17.0	17.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 7	\$230,000	\$230,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Finance Capital Projects Cost Effectively and Monitor Debt Efficiently.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ANALYZE FINANCINGS AND ISSUE DEBT	\$ 1,147,340	\$ 1,190,739
Analyze Agency Financing Applications and Issue Debt Cost Effectively.		& UB
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> MANAGE BOND PROCEEDS	1,156,488	1,200,235
Manage Bond Proceeds and Monitor Covenants to Ensure Compliance.		& UB
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS		
Make GO Bond Debt Service Payments.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>\$ 2,303,828</u>	<u>\$ 2,390,974</u>
<b>Grand Total, PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,303,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,390,974</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,851,095	\$ 1,937,189
Other Personnel Costs	114,800	134,457
Professional Fees and Services	60,650	60,000
Consumable Supplies	2,050	2,050
Utilities	1,626	1,626
Travel	30,152	30,152
Rent - Building	360	360
Rent - Machine and Other	2,714	2,960
Other Operating Expense	<u>240,381</u>	<u>222,180</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,303,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,390,974</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 75,925	\$ 76,631
Group Insurance	152,632	156,346
Social Security	116,020	117,099

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Benefits Replacement	849	690
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 345,426</b>	<b>\$ 350,766</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Public Finance Authority. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Public Finance Authority. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Public Finance Authority shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ANALYZE FINANCINGS AND ISSUE DEBT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Requests for Financings Approved	10	6
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: MANAGE BOND PROCEEDS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Financial Transactions Including Debt Service Payments	3,700	3,700

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purpose shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Continuity of Operations Plan ("COOP") - Department of Information Resources Data Center Services	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000

**3. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds.** The appropriations made in this and other Articles of this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority for General Obligation Bond Debt Service are subject to the following provision. The following amounts shall be used for the purpose indicated.

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 357,719,932	\$ 373,469,360
GR Dedicated - Texas Military Revolving Loan No. 5114, estimated	\$ 6,940,164	\$ 9,551,973
Federal Funds	\$ 2,361,154	\$ 2,361,154
<u>Other Funds</u>		
MH Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance No. 8031	\$ 470,963	\$ 470,963
MH Appropriated Receipts No. 8033	15,828	15,828
ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance No. 8095	120,063	120,063
ID Appropriated Receipts No. 8096	16,949	16,949

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Texas Agricultural Fund No. 683, estimated	\$	1,065,184	\$	1,361,775
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$	1,688,987	\$	1,985,578
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>				
Bond Debt Service	\$	<u>368,710,237</u>		<u>\$387,368,065</u>
Strategy A.2.2, Bond Debt Service	\$	368,710,237	\$	387,368,065 & UB

**4. Appropriation and Transfer Authority of Interest and Sinking Funds for General Obligation Bond Debt Service Payments.** Prior to the expenditure of funds appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund to pay debt service on general obligation bonds, the Texas Public Finance Authority shall utilize any balances available in interest and sinking funds for said purpose. The Authority is hereby appropriated all amounts available in interest and sinking funds, including any unexpended balances in these funds for the purpose of paying debt service on general obligation debt obligations, including bonds, commercial paper, and other obligations.

In compliance with the bond resolutions and financing agreements between the Texas Public Finance Authority and all agencies on whose behalf the Texas Public Finance Authority issues bonds, notes, or other obligations, the Texas Public Finance Authority is hereby authorized to transfer funds, appropriated for bond debt service, into the appropriate interest and sinking funds in amounts as necessary for the payment of principal and interest due on general obligation debt. Such transfers shall be made no sooner than the day that bond debt service is required to be delivered in accordance with the bond resolutions and funds management agreements. The Texas Public Finance Authority is also authorized to transfer funds appropriated for general obligation bond debt service to the interest and sinking fund(s) to pay ongoing costs associated with the general obligation debt, including debt service payments, insurance premiums, paying agent fees, and other costs associated with issuing and administering the outstanding debt obligations.

**5. Appropriation and Transfer Authority for Revenue Bond Lease Payments.** Balances in and revenues accruing to the Texas Public Finance Authority revenue bond interest and sinking fund(s) are appropriated to the Texas Public Finance Authority for bond servicing costs on revenue debt obligations including bonds, commercial paper and other obligations. Debt obligation costs shall include such costs as debt service payments, insurance premiums, paying agent fees, and other costs associated with the outstanding bonds.

The Texas Public Finance Authority is authorized to transfer such amounts as necessary for the payment of debt obligation servicing costs from the General Revenue - Dedicated State Lease Fund Account No. 0507 to the Texas Public Finance Authority interest and sinking fund(s) or other debt service funds.

**6. Appropriation and Transfer Authority for Revenue Commercial Paper Programs: Payments and Administrative Fees.** The Texas Public Finance Authority is appropriated balances held in and revenue accruing to the General Revenue - Dedicated State Lease Fund Account No. 0507 and the interest and sinking funds associated with the Texas Public Finance Authority revenue commercial paper programs for the purpose of making debt service and other payments in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and covenants pertaining to the respective revenue commercial paper programs. Included in amounts appropriated above is \$580,977 in fiscal year 2026 and \$618,256 in fiscal year 2027 out of Revenue Bond Proceeds for the administration of the revenue commercial paper programs. In addition, revenues accruing to the Texas Public Finance Authority revenue commercial paper program funds, including costs of issuance funds, in excess of Revenue Bond Proceeds and Master Lease Project Fund included in amounts appropriated above are appropriated to the Texas Public Finance Authority for the purpose of administering the revenue commercial paper programs. The Texas Public Finance Authority shall notify the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to implementing salary increases from Revenue Bond Proceeds and Master Lease Project Funds in excess of amounts appropriated above and identified in this rider. Each notification shall include the previous salary, new salary, and show the incremental change in salary amount by method of finance for each applicable position. 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.

The Texas Public Finance Authority is hereby authorized to transfer each agency's share of administrative fees and lease payments pursuant to the respective revenue commercial paper

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program from each agency's appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority revenue commercial paper program cost of issuance fund(s) and the General Revenue - Dedicated State Lease Fund Account No. 0507, respectively. Such transfers shall not be made earlier than fifteen calendar days prior to the date that the debt service payment is required. The Texas Public Finance Authority may transfer funds necessary for revenue commercial paper debt service payments from the General Revenue - Dedicated State Lease Fund Account No. 0507 to the respective Texas Public Finance Authority revenue commercial paper program's interest and sinking fund(s).

For the purpose of this provision, the Texas Public Finance Authority revenue commercial paper programs include: the Master Lease Purchase Program; the Texas Facilities Commission Revenue Commercial Paper Program; and any revenue financing authorized by the Eighty-ninth Legislature.

- 7. Appropriation and Transfer Authority for Unexpended Balances in Bond Related Funds.** The Texas Public Finance Authority is hereby authorized to transfer all unexpended bond fund balances forward to the following fiscal year. Balances in and revenues accruing in these bond related funds are hereby appropriated to the Texas Public Finance Authority and may be transferred to the current fiscal year or prior fiscal years in order to make bond related payments and transfers in accordance with bond resolutions. Bond funds include but are not limited to: construction (project) funds; acquisition funds; costs of issuance funds; rebate funds; capitalized interest funds; and restoration funds.
- 8. Appropriation and Transfer Authority.** Appropriations to all agencies on whose behalf the Texas Public Finance Authority has, or will issue bonds, notes, or other obligations are hereby authorized to be transferred to the Texas Public Finance Authority to the funds prescribed by the bond documents for payment of debt service. The monies so transferred are hereby appropriated to the Texas Public Finance Authority for payment of principal and interest on the bonds, notes, or other obligations.
- 9. Reimbursement of Expenses Related to Bond Issuances.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, in Strategies A.1.1, Analyze Financings and Issue Debt, and A.2.1, Manage Bond Proceeds, is an amount estimated to be \$0 for the reimbursement of costs related to the Texas Public Finance Authority Charter School Finance Corporation (CSFC) for bonds issued on behalf of charter schools, issued pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 53.351, for payment, on behalf of the CSFC, of its required issuance and administration costs and reimbursement of the Texas Public Finance Authority's additional costs in providing staff support for such bond issues and administering the Texas Charter School Credit Enhancement Program.
- 10. Informational Listing: Master Lease Purchase Program Lease Payments.** The following is an informational listing of funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act for the 2026-27 biennium to the agencies listed below for the administrative fees and lease payments pursuant to the Master Lease Purchase Program.

Master Lease Purchase Program by Article by Agency	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>
ARTICLE II		
Health and Human Services Commission	\$18,703,634	\$ 18,634,007
ARTICLE VI		
Department of Agriculture	\$ 34,380	\$ 34,144
ARTICLE VII		
Department of Motor Vehicles	<u>\$ 7,567,658</u>	<u>\$10,537,378</u>
Total, All Articles	<u>\$26,305,672</u>	<u>\$29,205,529</u>

- 11. Reimbursement of Charter School Finance Corporation Directors.** Pursuant to Education Code, Section 53.351(b), reimbursement of expenses for the board of directors of the Texas Public Finance Authority Charter School Finance Corporation, out of funds appropriated above, is authorized for travel expenses incurred in attending board meetings of the corporation. Such reimbursement shall not exceed the rates authorized in the general provisions of this Act.

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To the maximum extent possible, the Texas Public Finance Authority shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

- 12. Appropriation of Administrative Receipts.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) is an amount estimated to be \$0 in each fiscal year of the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, out of Appropriated Receipts collected from the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association to implement and manage the provisions of the bonds, or other obligations, for the purpose of reimbursing TPFA for its associated administrative costs. In addition to amounts appropriated above, the agency is appropriated an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in each fiscal year from Appropriated Receipts collected from the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association. Any unexpended balances of Appropriated Receipts remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to TPFA for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 13. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium for Bond Debt Service.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority for general obligation bond debt service payments remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 16,654,207	\$ 16,654,204
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 120,500	\$ 120,500
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 16,774,707</u>	<u>\$ 16,774,704</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	121.1	121.1
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Governor, Group 6	\$153,750	\$153,750
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: GOVERN THE STATE</b>		
Formulation of Balanced State Policies.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: SUPPORT GOVERNOR &amp; STATE</b>	\$ 10,376,761	\$ 10,376,758
Provide Support to Governor and State Agencies.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPOINTMENTS</b>	1,975,000	1,975,000
Develop and Maintain System of Recruiting, Screening, and Training.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: COMMUNICATIONS</b>	3,489,629	3,489,629
Maintain Open, Active, and Comprehensive Functions.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: GOVERNOR'S MANSION</b>	<u>933,317</u>	<u>933,317</u>
Maintain and Preserve Governor's Mansion.		
<b>Total, Goal A: GOVERN THE STATE</b>	<u>\$ 16,774,707</u>	<u>\$ 16,774,704</u>
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR</b>	<u>\$ 16,774,707</u>	<u>\$ 16,774,704</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 13,757,687	\$ 14,333,050
Other Personnel Costs	476,950	478,959
Professional Fees and Services	1,290,000	1,090,000
Fuels and Lubricants	312	312
Consumable Supplies	38,105	38,105
Utilities	40,711	40,711
Travel	115,500	115,500
Rent - Building	26,000	26,000
Rent - Machine and Other	58,767	58,767
Other Operating Expense	865,466	533,857
Capital Expenditures	<u>105,209</u>	<u>59,443</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 16,774,707</u>	<u>\$ 16,774,704</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,539,464	\$ 1,488,451
Group Insurance	2,024,365	2,080,303
Social Security	1,209,199	1,167,837
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,656</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 4,775,064</u>	<u>\$ 4,738,247</u>

1. **Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances, as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the Office of the Governor are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



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- 2. Designation of Exempt Positions.** Pursuant to the provisions of this Act and other state and federal legislation, and notwithstanding restrictions in this Act relative to the authority of the Governor to exempt positions from the Position Classification Act of 1961, the Governor may designate the title and compensation rate of exempt positions to be used by the Office of the Governor.
- 3. Governor's Salary.** The salary provided by this Act for the Governor is an annual salary and is not reduced during the Governor's absence from the state.
- 4. Governor's Salary Authorization.** The Governor is hereby authorized, notwithstanding the rate listed for the Governor in the "Schedule of Exempt Positions," to establish the rate of compensation for the Governor at any amount below the listed authorization.
- 5. Unexpended Balances Between Biennia.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for the Office of the Governor, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. All unexpended and unobligated balances, interest earnings, and other revenues from funds appropriated to the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Office of the Governor for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- 6. Capital Expenditures Authorized.** Notwithstanding the limitations placed on the expenditure of funds for capital budget items contained in this Act, the Office of the Governor is hereby authorized to expend funds appropriated to the Office of the Governor, and the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, for the acquisition of capital budget items.
- 7. Transfer of Appropriation and Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs).** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation and FTE transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, agency appropriations and FTEs may be transferred between the Office of the Governor and the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor. The transfer of appropriations shall not exceed the limitations in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act.
- The governor may transfer appropriations and FTEs from the Office of the Governor and Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor to other agencies. The transfer of appropriations and FTEs to other state agencies shall not exceed the limitations in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act.
- 8. Administrative Support of Space Commission.** The Office of the Governor is appropriated all receipts received from the Space Commission for the purpose of providing administrative support to the commission in accordance with Government Code, Section 482.102, estimated to be \$114,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$114,500 in fiscal year 2027 from Appropriated Receipts included above in Strategy A.1.1, Support Governor & State. Additionally, included in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" in the agency's bill pattern is 1.0 FTE in each fiscal year for this purpose.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 372,178,191	\$ 166,222,505
GR - Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposits Account No. 5003	63,758,055	63,758,055
GR for Border Security	2,799,071,273	89,600,000
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,235,007,519	\$ 319,580,560
 <u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Criminal Justice Planning Account No. 421	\$ 20,067,721	\$ 20,137,452
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	2,000,000	UB
Crime Stoppers Assistance Account No. 5012	500,000	500,000
Economic Development Bank Account No. 5106	5,053,706	5,053,706
Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107	UB	UB
Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153	5,000,000	5,000,000

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Governor's University Research Initiative Account No. 5161	UB	UB
Youth Diversion Account No. 5164	4,000,000	4,000,000
Evidence Testing Account No. 5170	1,100,000	1,100,000
Specialty Court Account No. 5184	12,000,000	12,000,000
Texas Music Incubator Account No. 5193	10,100,000	10,100,000
Texas Semiconductor Innovation Account No. 5197	<u>UB</u>	<u>UB</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 59,821,427	\$ 57,891,158
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 67,244,148	\$ 67,244,149
Federal Funds	<u>328,442,258</u>	<u>324,488,835</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 395,686,406	\$ 391,732,984
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 417,000	\$ 417,000
Interagency Contracts	233,000	238,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>142,000</u>	<u>142,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 792,000</u>	<u>\$ 797,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,691,307,352</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 770,001,702</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	198.3	198.3
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director (OSFR), Group 4	\$149,240	\$149,240
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: GRANT ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS</b>		
Administer Grants and Programs Assigned to the Governor.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DISASTER FUNDS</b>	\$ 2,746,434,003	\$ 86,022,317
Provide Disaster Funding.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: AGENCY GRANT ASSISTANCE</b>	200,000	UB
Provide Deficiency Grants to State Agencies.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: DISABILITY ISSUES</b>	792,024	781,163
Inform Organizations and the General Public of Disability Issues.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: WOMEN'S GROUPS</b>	206,700	206,700
Network Statewide Women's Groups in Texas.		
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: STATE-FEDERAL RELATIONS</b>	<u>921,364</u>	<u>921,364</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: GRANT ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS</b>	\$ 2,748,554,091	\$ 87,931,544
<b>B. Goal: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES</b>		
Support Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Programs.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>	\$ 492,530,058	\$ 279,335,363
Provide Money and Research and Promote Programs for Criminal Justice.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: COUNTY ESSENTIAL SERVICE GRANTS</b>	1,053,300	1,053,300
Provide Financial Assistance to Counties for Essential Public Services.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: HOMELAND SECURITY</b>	<u>246,358,759</u>	<u>200,405,824</u>
Direct and Coordinate Homeland Security Activities in Texas.		
<b>Total, Goal B: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES</b>	\$ 739,942,117	\$ 480,794,487
<b>C. Goal: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM</b>		
Support Economic Development and Tourism.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: PROMOTE TEXAS</b>	\$ 151,661,724	\$ 151,126,252
Enhance the Economic Growth and Tourism of Texas.		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: MUSIC FILM TELEVISION MULTIMEDIA</b>	34,441,035	33,441,035
Promote Development Of Music Film TV And Multimedia Industries.		

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C.2.2. Strategy: TEXAS ENTERPRISE FUND Provide Industry Performance-based Financial Support.	UB	UB
C.2.3. Strategy: TX MILITARY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION Provide Military Preparedness And Support.	15,708,385	15,708,384
C.3.1. Strategy: TX SEMICONDUCTOR INNOVATION CONSORT Promote And Support The Development Of The Tx Semiconductor Industry.	1,000,000	1,000,000
C.3.2. Strategy: GOVERNOR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INIT Provide Financial Assistance for University Research.	UB	UB
Total, Goal C: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM	\$ 202,811,144	\$ 201,275,671
Grand Total, TRUSTEED PROGRAMS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR	\$ 3,691,307,352	\$ 770,001,702
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,952,006	\$ 18,973,585
Other Personnel Costs	526,500	529,325
Professional Fees and Services	33,372,967	33,917,603
Fuels and Lubricants	610	610
Consumable Supplies	51,500	51,500
Utilities	111,500	111,500
Travel	977,719	981,108
Rent - Building	607,000	632,000
Rent - Machine and Other	72,500	72,500
Other Operating Expense	96,725,304	95,786,353
Grants	3,540,688,746	618,780,618
Capital Expenditures	221,000	165,000
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 3,691,307,352	\$ 770,001,702
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 1,189,026	\$ 1,121,761
Group Insurance	1,463,929	1,497,503
Social Security	964,275	910,171
Benefits Replacement	3,394	2,759
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 3,620,624	\$ 3,532,194
Debt Service		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 6,940,164	\$ 9,551,973
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 10,560,788	\$ 13,084,167
1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.		
	2026	2027
A. Goal: GRANT ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Federal Texas Delegation Encounters Achieved	100%	100%
A.2.1. Strategy: DISABILITY ISSUES Output (Volume):		
Number of Local Volunteer Committees on People with Disabilities or City or County Committees or People with Disabilities Whose Activities are Supported by the Committee	26	26

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<b>B. Goal: CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Grants Complying with Grant Guidelines	98%	98%
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: HOMELAND SECURITY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Number of Homeland Security Grants Operating During the Quarter	800	800
<b>C. Goal: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of New Jobs Announced by Businesses Receiving Recruitment and Expansion Assistance	7,000	7,000
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: PROMOTE TEXAS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Businesses Developed as Recruitment Prospects	180	180

2. Disaster and Deficiency Grants.

- a. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, is \$74,850,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$74,850,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to provide grants-in-aid in case of disasters, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 418.

In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund for grants-in-aid in case of disasters, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

- b. Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Agency Grant Assistance, is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for payments of claims arising prior to the convening of the next legislature by the Governor for deficiencies of up to \$200,000 per agency, per event, in accordance with Government Code, Section 403.075.

In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Agency Grant Assistance, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund for deficiency grants, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

- c. The Governor may, according to the terms of the disaster award or deficiency award, require the agency to repay all or part of the award. The repayment may be accomplished by purchase voucher, journal entry, or other procedures established by the Governor's Office with the concurrence of the Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- d. The Governor shall notify the Legislative Budget Board 15 business days after any grants or awards are made as described in subsection "a" or "b" above, including any monies from the General Revenue Fund or unexpended balances carried forward from previous appropriations.

3. **Governor's Emergency Appropriations.** In accordance with Government Code, Sections 401.061-401.065, upon certification by the Governor that an emergency exists, and upon the endorsement by the Comptroller of Public Accounts that appropriations other than emergency appropriations are not available to address the emergency, the Governor is appropriated amounts necessary from special funds or dedicated accounts in the General Revenue Fund (as those terms are defined by Government Code, Section 403.001) and Other Funds, contingent upon the following conditions:

- a. the special fund is endorsed by the Comptroller as statutorily allowed to be used for the emergency certified by the Governor;
- b. the Comptroller certifies that the special fund contains sufficient balances over appropriated amounts to support the emergency appropriation; and
- c. the proposed emergency appropriation under the provisions of this rider is approved by the Legislative Budget Board, pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 69.

4. **Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**5. Federal Grants.** Funds received from the federal government for grants to the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor that are directed to earn interest for the 2026-27 biennium will be deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 224, Governor's Office Federal Projects, and are to be expended as directed by the grant.

**6. Reporting Requirements: Public Safety Office.** To ensure that Public Safety Office funds are spent in accordance with state and federal requirements, the Public Safety Office (PSO) shall require grant recipients to report data and documentation annually, demonstrating compliance with grant agreements. At a minimum, reports submitted by grant recipients shall provide data to support all expenditures made with grant funds; provide an inventory of all equipment and capital items purchased with such funds; and provide all information necessary for scheduled and periodic reviews by the PSO.

In addition, the PSO shall establish and consistently adhere to internal guidelines for reviewing and evaluating grant requests, as well as requests for payments and reimbursements submitted by grantees. Not later than December 15 of each year, the PSO shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office:

- a. a report detailing its findings regarding compliance by grantees;
- b. the allocation methodology or formula used to allocate funds to grantees; and
- c. an impact analysis and explanation of any changes from the previous year's allocation methodology or formula.

**7. Administration: Foreign Offices.**

- a. In accordance with Government Code, Section 481.027, foreign offices may be operated in Mexico and in other foreign markets including Canada, Europe, the Pacific Rim, and Latin America coinciding with market opportunities for Texas business. Foreign office trade investment and tourism development efforts, as well as location of the offices, shall be based on analysis of the current world market opportunities. The Office of the Governor shall expend funds for the Mexico offices and any office in Taiwan out of any funds available, but shall not expend any funds appropriated under this Act for any office or staff at any other foreign offices established by the Office of the Governor.
- b. The Office of the Governor shall maintain a tracking system that documents the direct benefits that result from the operation of each foreign office. The Office of the Governor shall utilize the tracking system to file an annual report with the Legislative Budget Board regarding the activities of each office. The report shall contain, at a minimum, information detailing the number of contacts with foreign and domestic businesses, the name of each business, the nature of the contact, the results of each contact, and expenditures by each office. The report shall also contain the name of each Texas community assisted and information regarding the nature and results of the assistance. The report shall be submitted within 60 calendar days of the end of each fiscal year and must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

**8. Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the receipt of Hotel Occupancy Tax collections by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, may temporarily utilize additional Hotel Occupancy Tax allocations from the General Revenue Fund into the General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax for Economic Development Account No. 5003 in an amount not to exceed \$2 million per fiscal year. These funds shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs when expenditures for tourism marketing exceed monthly Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue received. The transfer and reimbursement of funds shall be made under procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed by the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, to the General Revenue Fund from Hotel Occupancy Tax revenues collected on or before August 31 of each fiscal year and deposited before September 30 of the following fiscal year.

**9. Limitation on Expenditures: General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax for Economic Development Account No. 5003.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Promote Texas, out of the General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax for Economic Development Account No. 5003, the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism, shall use not

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more than \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for expenditures other than Advertising Services (Object Code 7281) and Other Professional Services (Object Code 7253).

- 10. Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Program.** In accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-n and Government Code, Chapter 436, Subchapter D, the Governor is authorized to request issuance of any remaining general obligation bond authority, estimated to be \$200,405,000, for the Military Value Revolving Loan Program for loans to defense communities for economic development projects at the Texas Military Preparedness Commission.

Appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority is an amount estimated to be \$6,940,164 for fiscal year 2026 and \$9,551,973 for fiscal year 2027 to pay debt service on general obligation bonds or other obligations provided that anticipated loan payments and interest earnings on loan payments deposited to the Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Account No. 5114 are sufficient to repay the General Revenue Fund by August 31, 2027.

- 11. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances, Revenue, and Interest Earnings.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, all unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes.

All unexpended and unobligated balances, interest earnings, and other revenues from funds appropriated to the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

- 12. Specialty Court Grants.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, are all revenues (estimated to be \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,000,000 in fiscal year 2027) out of General Revenue - Dedicated Specialty Court Account No. 5184 collected on or after September 1, 2025, and deposited to Revenue Object Code 3704, Court Costs, and Revenue Object Code 3250, Mixed Beverage Taxes, for the purpose of making grants to counties for specialty courts in accordance with Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle K.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are below estimates provided herein, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 13. Cost of Living Salary Supplement.** The Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor is hereby authorized to pay a salary supplement, not to exceed \$1,200 per month, to each Office of State-Federal Relations employee whose duty station is located in Washington, DC. This salary supplement shall be in addition to the salary rate authorized for that position by this Act.

Any state agency or any institution which assigns an employee to work in the Washington, DC, office of the OSFR on a permanent basis and which also designates that employee's duty station as Washington, DC, is hereby authorized to pay such an employee a salary supplement not to exceed \$1,200 per month. This salary supplement shall be in addition to the salary rate authorized by this Act.

In the event that an employee so assigned works on a less than full-time basis, the maximum salary supplement shall be set on a proportionate basis.

- 14. Information and Assistance Requirements.** It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, State-Federal Relations, be expended in a manner which provides information and assistance to both the legislative and executive branches of Texas State Government and that the funds be used to operate the office in a manner which is politically non-partisan.

- 15. Texas Economic Development Bank.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Promote Texas, all unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) out of General Revenue-Dedicated Economic Development Bank Account No. 5106 remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. All revenue from interest, loan repayments, fees and the issuance of commercial paper that the Texas

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Economic Development Bank is authorized to collect for the implementation and administration of the Texas Economic Development Bank are appropriated and shall be spent in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 489.

- 16. Reports on Increasing Federal Funds.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of State-Federal Relations work with state agencies to identify and report to the Legislature on possible changes in state laws which could increase the amount of federal funds received by the state, and on changes to federal laws which could impact state funding of federal programs or the state's receipt of federal funds.
- 17. Interagency Contracts.** Consistent with the method of financing for the Office of State-Federal Relations (OSFR), state agencies and institutions of higher education that are represented by their employees in the Washington, DC, office of the OSFR shall be charged for their portion of operating expenses, rent, and administrative staff costs, not to exceed \$2,000 per month, per legislative liaison.
- 18. Border Prosecution Grants.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$46,263,938 in General Revenue for Border Security, in fiscal year 2026, which shall be used for border prosecution grants.
- 19. Internet Crime Against Children Task Forces.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$800,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of preventing and stopping internet crimes against children. Priority shall be given to programs within local units of government that prevent technology-facilitated enticement and sexual exploitation of children or the use of the Internet for the production, manufacture, and distribution of child pornography, in support of activities of qualifying Internet Crime Against Children Task Forces recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- 20. Grants for Local Border Security.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$55,100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$55,100,000 in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue for Border Security to fund grants to local political subdivisions to support Border Security Operations and for the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants. In addition to supporting Border Security Operations and the humane processing of the remains of undocumented migrants, the grant funds may also be awarded to an established regional center for public safety excellence to cover the costs of providing training to law enforcement personnel conducting border security operations. The Department of Public Safety and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with the Office of the Governor to establish accountability and outcome standards for these grants. These accountability standards shall include, but not be limited to, the following: uses of the grants by local entities; effects of these grants on realizing a more secure border region, as defined in Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security, of this Act; and measures employed to ensure grant funds are expended as intended. By not later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the award recipients, the amount awarded, the utilization of funds by each grantee, and summarizes the outcomes of the grants.
- 21. Youth Diversion.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, are all revenues (estimated to be \$4,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium) in General Revenue-Dedicated Youth Diversion Account No. 5164, as authorized by Local Government Code, Section 133.125. Priority for grant awards shall be given to justice, municipal, and constitutional county courts requesting funds to establish a new juvenile case manager in a jurisdiction that does not already have a juvenile case manager.
- 22. Anti-Gang Programs.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$34,500,000 in General Revenue for Border Security in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of making grants for anti-gang activities.
- 23. Child Sex Trafficking Team.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$2,000,000 in General Revenue - Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010 in fiscal year 2026, and \$1,837,650 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, and \$1,837,650 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of operating the Child Sex Trafficking Team; providing grants to prevent victimization, to identify, and to recover survivors; and funding the Sex Trafficking Prevention Grant Program for Local Law Enforcement in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 50.0101.

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- 24. Grants for Technology Infrastructure.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$5,000,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, for providing grants to local units of government to upgrade technology infrastructure to implement incident based reporting or maintain interoperable communication systems.

In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, any unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) remaining as of August 31, 2025, in General Revenue-Dedicated Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. Incident based reporting technology infrastructure purchased using grant funds shall be compatible with the National Incident Based Reporting System and the Texas Incident Based Reporting System. Interoperable communications technology infrastructure purchased using grant funds must sustain or enhance current capabilities or address capability gaps identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) in the Texas Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan (SCIP).

- 25. Bullet-Resistant Vests.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to fund grants to local law enforcement agencies and/or the Texas Department of Public Safety for the purchase of bullet-resistant personal body armor compliant with the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) standard for rifle protection. Grant recipients shall report to the Public Safety Office how many vests, ballistic plates, and plate carriers were purchased, the price of each, and provide proof of purchase. Any unexpended balances remaining in this appropriation on August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

Not later than December 1 of each year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the agencies that applied for funding, the amount distributed to each agency, and the number of vests, plates, and carriers purchased.

It is the intent of the Legislature that, in addition to grants identified in this rider, local law enforcement agencies will pursue any additional public or private grant funds available for the purchase of bullet-resistant personal body armor.

- 26. Evidence Testing.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, are all revenues (estimated to be \$1,100,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium) out of General Revenue-Dedicated Evidence Testing Account No. 5170 collected on or after September 1, 2025. The funds shall be used to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies or counties for testing evidence collected for sexual assault or other sex offenses.

- 27. Grants to Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)-Ready Facilities.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to provide annual grants to designated facilities for education, training, and maintenance of the facilities' SAFE-ready program pursuant to Government Code, Section 772.006. Grants to a single facility may not exceed \$250,000 in any fiscal year. This grant funding may be awarded to existing SAFE-ready designated facilities and facilities who are not yet SAFE-ready designated but will use the grant funds for the purpose of achieving that designation.

- 28. Grants to Border Zone Fire Departments.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$3,000,000 from General Revenue for Border Security in fiscal year 2026 to provide professional fire departments in the border region grants to assist in the acquisition of specialized equipment, maintenance, and medical supplies to support emergency services associated with the execution of security activities associated with deterring crimes occurring in the geographic area defined in Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security, of this Act.

Not later than the December 1 of each year, the Office of the Governor shall provide a report on the previous fiscal year's grants to the Legislative Budget Board that includes the agencies that applied for funding, the amount distributed, and the utilization of funds by each agency.



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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 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.

**30. Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$1,750,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Criminal Justice Planning Account No. 421 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of making grants to counties for the implementation of prevention and intervention programs or court programs, as defined in Government Code, Chapter 126, related to commercially sexually exploited persons.

**31. Sexual Assault Survivor's Task Force.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$750,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to implement statewide policies and practices, personnel training, evidence collection and preservation, and data collection and analysis regarding the prevention, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

**32. Body-worn Camera Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for the establishment of a body-worn camera program pursuant to Occupations Code, Chapter 1701, Subchapter N. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

**33. Children's Justice Grants to States.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of the Governor shall collaborate with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas, the grant administrator designated by the Governor for the Children's Justice Grant to States (CFDA 93.643), in filing a report with the Legislative Budget Board within 90 calendar days following August 31st of each fiscal year showing disbursements, the purpose of each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.

**34. Peace Officer Mental Health Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, is \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purposes of the Peace Officer Mental Health Program.

**35. Grants for Bullet-Resistant Shields and Training.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Criminal Justice, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund made available pursuant to the budget execution order ratified on June 28, 2022, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the purchase of bullet-resistant shields to be distributed based on the following priorities: (1) police officers directly employed by school districts, (2) police officers contracted by school districts, and (3) other law enforcement officers that may respond to school safety emergencies; and for grants to local law enforcement agencies to offset travel expenditures associated with Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training offered by Texas State University.

**36. Nonprofit Security Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Homeland Security, is \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of supplementing the existing federal Nonprofit Security Program, housed under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for the purpose of providing grants for facility hardening and other physical security enhancements of nonprofit organizations against terrorist and other violent attacks.

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- 37. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor may accept and administer State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) federal funds and distribute them to local governmental entities once approved by the Cybersecurity Planning Committee. If the agency accepts SLCGP funds, it shall ensure that it complies with all federal regulations included in the enabling act and each applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity. The agency shall ensure that the maximum amount of SLCGP funds is available for local governmental entities. The agency shall limit funds to only be spent on one-time cybersecurity services to ensure that this program does not become an unfunded mandate on local governmental entities.
- 38. Oversight of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Expenses.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Disaster Funds, is \$21,748,985 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of administration and oversight of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- 39. Economic Development and Tourism.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Promote Texas, is \$302,787,976 in All Funds to support and promote the economic development of Texas.

This amount includes \$63,758,055 in fiscal year 2026 and \$63,758,055 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Hotel Occupancy Tax Deposits Account No. 5003 to be used for tourism promotion activities in the 2026-27 biennium.

This amount also includes \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated Micro-Business Disaster Recovery Account No. 5190 to fund the Micro-Business Disaster Recovery program to assist certain micro-businesses through capital access loans, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 481, Subchapter CC.

This amount also includes \$1,800,000 in from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for administrative costs associated with the Texas Small and Rural Community Success Fund Program, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 489, Subchapter E.

This amount also includes \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide one-to-one matching grants to eligible non-profit organizations to promote border economic development, including out-of-state business recruitment, the promotion of economic development, and strategic regional planning. An eligible non-profit organization should (1) be a binational economic development and policy advocacy organization along the US-Mexico border, (2) be chartered as a 501(c)(6) with a separate foundation operating as a 501(c)(3), and (3) be located in a municipality that borders Mexico and another U.S. State. Eligible grant recipients shall receive a grant award equal to the amount committed by the non-profit organization dedicated for the same specific purpose, which shall not include in-kind contributions. Grant recipients shall not expend grant funds on salaries or expenses related to office space. Grant recipients shall not expend grant funds for recruitment and promotion activities that result in a business relocation to a community outside the state of Texas. A grantee shall provide to the Office of the Governor a report on the use of funds awarded and the number of out-of-state businesses relocated to Texas, number of jobs created or moved to Texas, and the total amount of new investment brought to Texas resulting from the grant award.

- 40. Texas Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Music Film Television Multimedia, is \$67,882,070 in All Funds for the 2026-27 biennium, for the Texas Film Commission, the Texas Music Office, and the Moving Image Industry Incentive Program (TMIIP) as authorized under Government Code, Chapter 485. This amount includes \$10,100,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Music Incubator Fund Account No. 5193 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to establish and administer the Texas Music Incubator Program, in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 485, Subchapter C.

The Office of the Governor shall report semi-annually to the Legislative Budget Board on October 1 and April 1 of each fiscal year the grant awards for TMIIP. The report shall include a listing of entities that were awarded funding, the date the award was announced, and the amount awarded to each recipient.

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- 41. Texas Enterprise Fund.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, Texas Enterprise Fund, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Enterprise Fund Account No. 5107 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the purposes of economic development initiatives in accordance with Government Code, Section 481.078.
- 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.
- 43. Texas Military Preparedness Commission.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.3, Texas Military Preparedness Commission, is \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium for Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants to military defense impacted communities. Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 436, Subchapter E, the Texas Military Preparedness Commission shall administer these grants.
- 44. Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.1, Texas Semiconductor Innovation Consortium, all unexpended and unobligated balances (estimated to be \$0) remaining as of August 31, 2025, from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Semiconductor Innovation Account No. 5197 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to promote and develop semiconductor research, design, and manufacturing in Texas in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 481, Subchapter GG.
- 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.
- 47. Crime Victim Rapid Response Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Trusteed 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.
- 48. 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

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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.
- 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.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 57,152,871	\$ 17,057,665
Sporting Goods Sales Tax: Transfer to Historic Sites Fund No. 5139	<u>18,910,000</u>	<u>19,445,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 76,062,871	\$ 36,502,665
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000
Historic Sites Fund No. 5139	<u>566,666</u>	<u>566,667</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 896,666	\$ 896,667
Federal Funds	\$ 1,459,274	\$ 1,459,274
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 724,501	\$ 724,501
Interagency Contracts	294,606	294,606
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,900</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 1,022,007</u>	<u>\$ 1,022,007</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 79,440,818</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 39,880,613</u></u>

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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 99%  
of this agency's estimated total available  
funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	341.5	341.5
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$175,513	\$175,513

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

Preserve the State's Historic Landmarks and Artifacts.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANCE</b>	\$ 1,682,383	\$ 1,382,383
Property Rehabilitation/Preservation Technical Assistance.		

<b>A.1.2. Strategy: ARCHEOLOGICAL HERITAGE PROTECTION</b>	1,596,373	1,596,373
Archeological Protection through Reviews, Outreach & Other Programs.		

<b>A.1.3. Strategy: COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION</b>	917,841	917,841
Courthouse Preservation Assistance.		

<b>A.1.4. Strategy: HISTORIC SITES</b>	46,577,204	23,796,999
Operation and Maintenance of Historic Sites.		

<b>A.1.5. Strategy: PRESERVATION TRUST FUND</b>	15,830,000	830,000
Provide Financial Assistance through the Preservation Trust Fund.		

<b>A.2.1. Strategy: DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE</b>	2,142,804	2,142,804
Technical Assistance for Heritage Development/Economic Revitalization.		

<b>A.2.2. Strategy: TEXAS HERITAGE TRAIL</b>	1,600,000	1,600,000
Texas Heritage Trail Region Assistance.		

<b>A.3.1. Strategy: EVALUATE/INTERPRET RESOURCES</b>	3,185,277	2,705,277
Prog for Historic Resource Identification, Evaluation & Interpretation.		

<b>A.3.2. Strategy: HOLOCAUST GENOCIDE ANTISEM ADV COM</b>	2,601,745	1,601,745
Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.		

<b>Total, Goal A: HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>	\$ 76,133,627	\$ 36,573,422
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**B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION**

<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 3,307,191	\$ 3,307,191
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<b>Grand Total, HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 79,440,818</u>	<u>\$ 39,880,613</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 24,924,670	\$ 24,924,670
Other Personnel Costs	459,773	459,773
Professional Fees and Services	2,566,186	2,566,186
Fuels and Lubricants	136,824	136,824
Consumable Supplies	142,801	142,801
Utilities	937,985	937,985
Travel	511,096	511,096
Rent - Building	216,382	216,382
Rent - Machine and Other	153,747	153,747
Debt Service	428,400	0
Other Operating Expense	6,875,849	4,724,044
Grants	19,031,163	2,551,163
Capital Expenditures	<u>23,055,942</u>	<u>2,555,942</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 79,440,818</u>	<u>\$ 39,880,613</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 2,066,307	\$ 2,085,082
Group Insurance	3,465,073	3,532,369
Social Security	1,652,274	1,667,285

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Benefits Replacement	<u>9,411</u>	<u>7,651</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 7,193,065	\$ 7,292,387
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 7,631,608</u>	<u>\$ 6,869,828</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><b>\$ 14,824,673</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 14,162,215</b></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Historical Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Historical Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Historical Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: HISTORIC PRESERVATION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Properties Designated Annually	3,478	3,683
Number of Section 106 Federal Undertakings and Antiquities Code Reviews	25,350	26,600
Number of Individuals Provided Training and Assistance in Historic and Archeological Preservation	22,125	22,888
Percent of Eligible Courthouses Fully Restored or Rehabilitated	30.57%	30.97%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Historic Properties Provided Technical Assistance, Monitoring, and Mandated State and/or Federal Architectural Reviews in Order to Encourage Preservation	3,180	3,180
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Properties and Sites Assisted	2,200	2,200
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: TEXAS HERITAGE TRAIL</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Individuals that Attend or Participate in Heritage Tourism Assistance Programs or Sessions Conducted by the Ten Texas Heritage Trail Regions	4,800	4,800
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: EVALUATE/INTERPRET RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Sites, Properties, and Other Historical Resources Evaluated	7,391	7,906
<b>A.3.2. Strategy: HOLOCAUST GENOCIDE ANTISEM ADV COM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Individuals Provided Advising and/or Training to Assist with Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Education	119,500	121,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property		
(1) Mission Socorro Land Acquisition	\$ UB	\$ UB
(2) Site Acquisition at Presidio La Bahia	<u>8,500,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
Total, Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property	\$ 8,500,000	\$ UB
b. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Iwo Jima Monument Museum (88th Legislature)	\$ UB	\$ UB
(2) Mission Dolores – Construction of Evocation (88th Legislature)	UB	UB
(3) Palmito Ranch Battlefield – Construction of Viewing Tower (2024-25 GAA, Art IX, 14.03)	UB	UB

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(4) Caddo Mounds - Cultural Center Construction Phase II (2024-25 GAA, Art IX, 14.03)		UB	UB
(5) San Felipe de Austin – Maintenance, Archival, & Retail Facility (2024-25 GAA, Art IX, 14.03)		<u>UB</u>	<u>UB</u>
Total, Construction of Buildings and Facilities	\$	UB	\$ UB
c. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities			
(1) Historic Sites - Deferred Maintenance	\$	2,200,000 & UB	\$ UB
(2) Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects		UB	UB
(3) Courthouse Grants		UB	UB
(4) Star of the Republic Repair and Rehabilitation		UB	UB
(5) Bush Family Home – Renovations and Construction (2024-25 GAA, Art IX, 14.03)		UB	UB
(6) Port Isabel Lighthouse – Renovations and Construction (2024-25 GAA, Art IX, 14.03)		UB	UB
(7) National Museum of the Pacific War Capital Projects		<u>12,000,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$	14,200,000	\$ UB
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services			
(1) Department of Information Resources - Data Center Services - Office 365	\$	<u>193,668</u>	\$ <u>205,331</u>
Total, Capital Budget	\$	<u>22,893,668</u>	\$ <u>205,331</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):			
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>			
General Revenue Fund	\$	22,795,699	\$ 101,462
Sporting Goods Sales Tax: Transfer to Historic Sites Fund No. 5139		<u>97,969</u>	<u>103,869</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$	<u>22,893,668</u>	\$ <u>205,331</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$	<u>22,893,668</u>	\$ <u>205,331</u>

**3. Cost Recovery of Historical Markers.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, is an amount estimated to be \$362,563 in Appropriated Receipts for each fiscal year of the biennium from historical marker cost recovery fees authorized under Government Code, Section 442.006.

**4. Promotional Materials.** The Texas Historical Commission is authorized to purchase promotional educational materials for resale or donation purposes during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. All receipts received from the sale of these materials are appropriated to the Commission for the administration and operation of agency programs.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the sale of these materials are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**5. Registration of Historic Cemeteries.** The Texas Historical Commission may collect fees for the designation of historic sites pursuant to Government Code, Section 442.0051. All fees collected pursuant to designation of historic cemeteries (estimated at \$3,800 in Appropriated Receipts in each fiscal year and included above in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources) are appropriated to the Texas Historical Commission for the purpose of administering the Historic Cemetery Program for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. In addition to amounts identified in this rider and included above, all receipts collected on or after September 1, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose.

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- 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.
- 7. Acquisition of Historical Artifacts.** The Historical Commission shall use funds appropriated above to develop a plan and process for the purchase and acquisition of documents, records, and/or other historical artifacts relating to Texas Historical Commission Historic Sites. The Historical Commission must also report on the status of acquisitions to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board within 30 calendar days after such acquisition.
- 8. Historic Sites.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, is \$566,666 in fiscal year 2026 and \$566,667 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue - Dedicated Historic Sites Fund No. 5139, generated from entrance fees at historic sites established in accordance with Government Code, Section 442.0051 and deposited to Revenue Object Code 3461, State Park Fees for maintenance and operations of historic sites managed by the agency.

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

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are below estimates provided herein, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

For the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, the Texas Historical Commission is appropriated any additional revenues that are collected by the agency for historic sites managed by the agency and deposited to the credit of General Revenue - Dedicated Historic Sites Fund No. 5139 as Revenue Object Code 3461, State Park Fees, not to exceed \$1,000,000 above amounts identified in this rider for the 2026-27 biennium and certified by a finding of fact from the Comptroller.

- 9. Appropriation Authority: Debt Service for the National Museum of the Pacific War.** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund - Sporting Goods Sales Tax: Transfer to Historic Sites Fund No. 5139 for Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, the amount of \$428,400 for fiscal year 2026 is to be used solely for lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority for debt service payments on the revenue bonds or other revenue obligations issued for the National Museum of the Pacific War.
- 10. Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission: Funding.** Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.3.2, Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission, and Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, are \$2,601,745 and \$41,000, respectively, in fiscal year 2026, and \$1,601,745 and \$41,000, respectively, in fiscal year 2027 for the Texas Historical Commission to provide support for the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

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

- 11. Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, is estimated revenue and interest earnings in Revenue Object Code 3855, Interest on Investments, Obligations and Securities (estimated to be \$330,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$330,000 in fiscal year 2027), out of the General Revenue - Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 for local preservation grants.

The estimated amounts appropriated above out of the Texas Preservation Trust Fund, are out of the amounts available for distribution or investment returns of the funds consistent with Government Code, Section 442.015. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the Texas Historical Commission for the same purpose. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

In addition to revenues deposited as Revenue Object Code 3855 referenced in this rider, any other revenues received during the 2026-27 biennium and any balances from other revenues remaining



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in the Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0 and included in amounts appropriated above in fiscal year 2026) are appropriated for the purpose of making preservation grants to eligible organizations, subject to the approval of the governing board.

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.

- 12. Military Sites Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, is \$22,500 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of continuing and further developing a military sites program and restoring Texas military monuments in and outside the state.

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.

- 13. Appropriation Authority: Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Review Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$171,000 in Appropriated Receipts in Strategy A.1.1, Architectural Assistance, each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium from fees collected to review applications for the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit. The amounts identified in this rider shall be used to administer the Texas Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program as authorized by Tax Code, Chapter 171, Subchapter S.

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.

- 14. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources.** The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is exempted from the capital budget rider provisions contained in Article IX of this Act when gifts, grants, interagency funds, inter-local funds, damage and mitigation funds, and federal funds are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor, damage/mitigation agreement or settlement, or state/federal agency solely for construction and repairs, land acquisition, or purchase of specific capital items.

Additionally, the THC is exempted from the capital budget rider provisions when pass through funds to local entities are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor or federal agency solely for the acquisition of land.

Amounts expended from these funding sources shall not count towards the limitation imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act. The THC shall annually report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor the amount received from these sources and the items to be purchased.

- 15. Texas State Almanac Contract.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Evaluate/Interpret Resources, is \$480,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to allow the Historical Commission to enter into a contract not-to-exceed \$480,000 with a non-profit organization for the purpose of developing and producing a Texas State Almanac. The Texas State Almanac shall be available to the general public and provide information on the history of Texas, its people, government and politics, economics, natural resources, holidays, culture, education, recreation, the arts, and other related topics.

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.

- 16. Unexpended Balances: Courthouse Grants.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Courthouse Preservation, any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund for Courthouse Grants, are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

- 17. Appropriation: Development Revenue.** To the maximum extent allowed by law, the Historical Commission is appropriated all revenue from fundraising and partnership development activities,

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including revenues from funds raised, contributed, donated, or collected through private sector partnerships, joint promotional campaigns, and licensing of the department brand, logo, or intellectual property (estimated to be \$0) each fiscal year.

**18. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Historical Commission are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**19. Texas Historical Commission Volunteer Services.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Historical Commission may provide meals and beverages for volunteers when volunteers are on site and providing labor and/or services for historic site reenactments, archeological work, and other agency programs.

**20. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2110, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of the funds appropriated above, is limited to the Antiquities Advisory Board and may not exceed \$20,000 in each fiscal year.

To the maximum extent possible, the commission shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

**21. Maximum Appropriation of Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) Revenue.** Amounts appropriated above include \$18,910,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$19,445,000 in fiscal year 2027 from limited sales, excise, and use tax revenue identified as Sporting Goods Sales Tax: Transfer to Historic Sites Fund No. 5139 (SGST). This appropriation represents the statutory maximum allocation of SGST revenue to the Historical Commission, pursuant to Tax Code, Section 151.801 (7.0 percent of the total SGST revenue), as calculated in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate.

If the Comptroller determines that the maximum allocation of SGST revenue to the Historical Commission for the 2026-27 biennium exceeds the amounts appropriated above, the difference is appropriated to the agency for Historic Sites.

**22. Star of the Republic Museum.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for the Star of the Republic Museum from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

**23. Capital Budget Expenditures for a Mobile Travel Application.** Notwithstanding the provisions in Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Texas Historical Commission is authorized to implement a capital budget project for the development of an agency mobile application if funds become available for this purpose.

**24. Unexpended Balances of Sporting Goods Sales Tax Between Biennia.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0) in appropriations made to the Texas Historical Commission out of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax: Transfer to Historic Sites Fund No. 5139 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**25. Unexpended Balances: Washington-on-the-Brazos Capital Projects.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

**26. Unexpended Balances: Mission Socorro Archeological Site.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, any unexpended and unobligated balances

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remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for the Mission Socorro Archeological Site for land acquisition from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

- 27. National Museum of the Pacific War.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.4, Historic Sites, in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

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.

- 28. Unexpended Balances: Rosenwald Schools Preservation Grants.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for grants for the survey, restoration and preservation of Rosenwald School sites from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

- 29. Unexpended Balances: Lennox Home Preservation.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for grants for the preservation of the historic Lennox Home from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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.

- 30. Unexpended Balances: DeMorse Home Preservation.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Preservation Trust Fund, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for grants for the preservation of the historic DeMorse Home from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Preservation Trust Fund Account No. 664 are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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. 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.

- 32. 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.

- 33. 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

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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.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 28,572,893	\$ 28,572,893
<u>Other Funds</u>		
DIR Clearing Fund Account - AR	\$ 28,822,583	\$ 29,012,432
Telecommunications Revolving Account - AR	36,753,956	39,131,710
Telecommunications Revolving Account - IAC	94,768,203	94,711,084
Statewide Technology Account - IAC	530,664,452	542,170,085
Statewide Technology Account - Appropriated Receipts	2,493,872	2,535,870
Statewide Network Applications Account - AR	<u>57,384,932</u>	<u>62,754,343</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 750,887,998</u>	<u>\$ 770,315,524</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 779,460,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 798,888,417</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	316.0	316.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 9	\$276,000	\$276,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROMOTE EFFIC. IR POLICIES/SYSTEMS		
Promote Statewide IR Policies & Innovative, Productive, & Eff Info Sys.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RULES	\$ 1,820,533	\$ 1,822,224
Statewide Planning and Rule and Guideline Development.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION	<u>700,674</u>	<u>705,037</u>
Innovation and Modernization Initiatives.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROMOTE EFFIC. IR POLICIES/SYSTEMS	\$ 2,521,207	\$ 2,527,261
<b>B. Goal:</b> IT AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES		
Manage the Cost Effective Delivery of IT Commodities & Shared Services.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CONTRACT ADMIN OF IT COMM & SVCS	\$ 7,117,860	\$ 6,495,203
Manage Procurement Infrastructure for IT Commodities and Services.		
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> SHARED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	530,560,907	542,097,341
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	56,263,104	61,627,684
<b>B.4.1. Strategy:</b> COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	<u>118,142,662</u>	<u>122,154,620</u>
Deliver Telecommunications and Network Services.		
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> IT AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES	\$ 712,084,533	\$ 732,374,848

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<b>C. Goal: PROMOTE EFFICIENT SECURITY</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> SECURITY POLICY AND AWARENESS Provide Security Policy, Assurance, Education and Awareness.	\$ 1,710,648	\$ 1,710,733
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> SECURITY SERVICES Assist State Entities in Identifying Security Vulnerabilities.	<u>52,954,556</u>	<u>52,041,715</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROMOTE EFFICIENT SECURITY	\$ 54,665,204	\$ 53,752,448
<b>D. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,784,274	\$ 3,808,458
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	5,920,702	5,939,464
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>484,971</u>	<u>485,938</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 10,189,947</u>	<u>\$ 10,233,860</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES</b>	<u><u>\$ 779,460,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 798,888,417</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 32,755,610	\$ 32,755,610
Other Personnel Costs	399,221	399,221
Professional Fees and Services	611,261,312	626,603,625
Fuels and Lubricants	10,000	10,000
Consumable Supplies	127,052	127,552
Utilities	156,500	156,500
Travel	174,501	174,501
Rent - Building	32,501	32,501
Other Operating Expense	<u>134,544,194</u>	<u>138,628,907</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 779,460,891</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 798,888,417</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,898,460	\$ 2,804,360
Group Insurance	3,938,137	4,028,799
Social Security	2,345,782	2,270,115
Benefits Replacement	<u>3,393</u>	<u>2,759</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,185,772</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,106,033</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Information Resources. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Information Resources. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Information Resources shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROMOTE EFFIC. IR POLICIES/SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: INNOVATION AND MODERNIZATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Number of Technology Solutions and Services Reviewed which Indicate Potential Means to Increase Production and/or Improve Efficiencies	60	60
The Number of State Agencies Participating in DIR Facilitated Pilots of Enterprise Solutions and Services	10	10
<b>B. Goal: IT AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Monthly Minimum Service Level Targets Achieved for Data Center Services	95%	95%
Percentage of Shared Technology Services (STS) Customers That Favorably Rate Customer Satisfaction	95%	95%
Percent of Customers Satisfied with CCTS	90%	90%
Percent of Customers Satisfied with TEX-AN	86.33%	86.33%

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<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CONTRACT ADMIN OF IT COMM & SVCS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Savings through DIR Cooperative Contracts	375,000,000	375,000,000
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Payment Transactions Conducted through Texas.gov	50,000,000	50,000,000

<b>C. Goal:</b> PROMOTE EFFICIENT SECURITY		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Calculation of Average Percentage Growth Rate in Maturity Scores for Agencies That Underwent Repeat Assessments	3%	3%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> SECURITY POLICY AND AWARENESS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Percentage of State Agencies That Participate in DIR Provided Security Training Offerings	65%	65%
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> SECURITY SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of State Agency Security Assessments Performed	40	40

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Daily Operations	\$ 275,000	\$ 275,000
(2) eProcurement Solution	1,700,000	1,100,000
(3) Personal Computer Purchases	432,501	432,501
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 2,407,501	\$ 1,807,501
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 6,882,775	\$ 6,513,197
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 9,290,276	\$ 8,320,698
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>Other Funds</u>		
DIR Clearing Fund Account - AR	\$ 3,030,196	\$ 2,361,165
Telecommunications Revolving Account - AR	3,571,723	3,394,418
Statewide Technology Account - IAC	1,932,772	1,842,011
Statewide Network Applications Account - AR	755,585	723,104
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 9,290,276	\$ 8,320,698
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 9,290,276	\$ 8,320,698

3. **DIR Clearing Fund Account.** The Comptroller shall establish in the state treasury the Department of Information Resources Clearing Fund Account for the administration of cost recovery activities pursuant to authority granted under Government Code, Chapters 771, 791, and 2157. The account shall be used:
- a. As a depository for funds received as payments from state agencies, units of local government, and/or vendors for goods and services provided;
  - b. As a source of funds for the department to purchase, lease, or acquire in any other manner services, supplies, software products, and equipment necessary for carrying out the department's duties relating to services provided to state agencies and units of local government for which the department receives payment from state agencies and local governmental units; and
  - c. To pay salaries, wages, and other costs directly attributable to the services provided to state agencies and units of local government for which the department receives payment from those agencies and governmental units. However, the maximum amount for all administrative costs to be applied to state agency receipts and local government receipts shall not exceed 2.0 percent per receipt.

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Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Statewide Planning and Rules; A.1.2, Innovation and Modernization; B.1.1, Contract Administration of IT Commodities and Services; C.1.1, Security Policy and Awareness; C.1.2, Security Services; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$2,709,390) and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$26,113,193 in fiscal year 2026 and \$29,012,432 in fiscal year 2027 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, appropriated from the sale of information technology commodity items out of Appropriated Receipts to the Department of Information Resources Clearing Fund Account.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2026, out of appropriations made herein are appropriated for the same purposes to the Department of Information Resources for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the DIR Clearing Fund Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

The Department of Information Resources may not expend funds appropriated to the Department that exceed the total in Appropriated Receipts identified above for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. 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.

- 4. Capital Purchases on Behalf of Other Government Entities.** Any capital items related to information resources and telecommunications technologies purchased by the Department of Information Resources for use by other state agencies and governmental entities do not apply to the department for the purpose of the capital budget rider limitations specified in Article IX, Transfers - Capital Budget, of the General Provisions of this Act.

Capital purchases made by the department for the department's internal use are subject to capital budget rider limitations in Article IX, Transfers - Capital Budget, of the General Provisions of this Act.

- 5. Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon receipt of reimbursements from state agencies, other governmental entities, and vendors for direct services provided and procurements of goods or services, the Department of Information Resources may temporarily utilize additional monies from the General Revenue Fund in an amount not to exceed the greater of 20 percent of projected revenue from telecommunications services provided under Government Code, Chapter 2170, and revenue from the operation and management of Statewide Technology Centers under Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L or \$4.0 million. These funds shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. The transfer and reimbursement of funds shall be made under procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed to the Treasury on or before August 31, 2027.
- 6. Texas.gov Project and the Statewide Network Applications Account.** The Comptroller shall establish in the state treasury the Department of Information Resources Statewide Network Applications Account for the administration of cost recovery activities pursuant to authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 2054.

Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.3.1, Texas.gov; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$2,811,031) and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$54,573,901 in fiscal year 2026 and \$62,754,343 in fiscal year 2027 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, appropriated from the operation and management of the Texas.gov State Electronic Internet Portal Project as

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provided by Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter I, out of Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Department of Information Resources Statewide Network Applications Account.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Statewide Network Applications Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

The Department of Information Resources may not expend funds appropriated to the Department that exceed the total in Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts identified above for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. 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.

Any funds received by the Department from other agencies or governmental entities for the purpose of adding or enhancing applications to or functionality of the Texas.gov project are appropriated to the Department and are exempted from the requirements of this rider for prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board to expend such funds. The Department shall provide notification to the Legislative Budget Board as part of the quarterly Texas.gov financial reporting process and shall include the total amount estimated to be received and describe the application or functionality to be added or enhanced.

The Department of Information Resources shall provide the Legislative Budget Board quarterly financial reports and expenditures on the Texas.gov project within 60 calendar days of the close of each quarter.

- 7. Telecommunications, Statewide Technology Centers, and Texas.gov Capital Budget Purchases.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, of this Act, the Department of Information Resources is authorized to expend funds out of the Telecommunications Revolving Account, Statewide Technology Account, and Statewide Network Applications Account to acquire equipment, software, and maintenance that may be necessary to facilitate cost savings or technical advancements associated with the Capitol Complex Telephone System (CCTS), TEX-AN Statewide Telecommunications System, Statewide Technology Centers, or the Texas.gov State Electronic Internet Portal. The Department of Information Resources shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 calendar days prior to such acquisition.
- 8. Telecommunications Revolving Account.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.4.1, Communications Technology Services; C.1.2, Security Services; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$2,469,432) and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$129,052,727 in fiscal year 2026 and \$133,842,794 in fiscal year 2027 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, appropriated from telecommunications services as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2170 out of Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Telecommunications Revolving Account.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Telecommunications Revolving Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.



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Included in amounts appropriated above is \$17,078,519 in fiscal year 2026 and \$16,369,961 in fiscal year 2027 in Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Telecommunications Revolving Account for the purpose of providing operating and administrative costs, excluding payments to service providers for communications technology services for voice, data, wireless, and internet services for which the Department bills customer state agencies and government entities. The Department must notify the Legislative Budget Board to expend funds in excess of amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs. The Department may not expend funds in excess of 110 percent of the amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. 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.

Annually, the Department shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, actual spending by customer agencies and entities on telecommunications services.

- 9. Statewide Technology Account.** In accordance with Government Code, Section 403.011, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall establish within the state treasury an operational account, called the Statewide Technology Account for all transactions relating to the operation and management of statewide technology centers.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.2.1, Shared Technology Services; D.1.1, Central Administration; D.1.2, Information Resources; and D.1.3, Other Support Services, are all balances not previously encumbered as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$2,742,962), and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$530,415,362 in fiscal year 2026 and \$544,705,955 in fiscal year 2027 in revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025 appropriated from the operation and management of Statewide Technology Centers as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L out of Interagency Contracts and Appropriated Receipts to the Statewide Technology Account.

Annually, within 90 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year, the Department of Information Resources shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, actual spending by customer agencies and entities on shared technology services. The report shall include a list of 10 agencies with the largest changes in billed amounts compared to the agencies' capital budget items for Data Center/Shared Technology Services, with a description of the changes in the services procured through the program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriation made herein are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes. For each fiscal year, in the event that unexpended and unobligated balances and/or revenues are less than the amounts estimated by this rider, fund balances in the Statewide Technology Account, authorized by Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations, may be expended to address a shortfall, subject to the limitations on expenditures included in this rider.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$14,443,678 in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,986,540 in fiscal year 2027 in Appropriated Receipts and Interagency Contracts to the Statewide Technology Account for the purpose of providing operating and indirect administrative costs, excluding payments to services providers for data center services/shared technology services for which the Department bills customer state agencies and government entities. The Department must notify the Legislative Budget Board to expend funds in excess of amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs. The Department may not expend funds in excess of 110 percent of the amounts identified in this rider for operating and indirect administrative costs without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board. 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

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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.

The Department of Information Resources shall report all administrative costs collected and the administrative cost percentage charged to each state agency and other users of statewide technology centers as defined in Government Code, Section 2054.380 to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board annually as directed in Government Code, Section 2054.0346. The Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office shall consider the incremental change to administrative percentages submitted. Without the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Information Resources may not expend funds appropriated to the Department if those appropriated funds are associated with an increase to the administrative cost percentage charged to users of the statewide technology centers and deposited to the Statewide Technology Account. The request to increase the administrative cost percentage shall be considered to be approved by the Legislative Budget Board 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. In addition, by September 15 of each even-numbered year the Department shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board detailing expended, budgeted and projected costs for data center services by participating agency. The report shall be in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

- 10. Reporting Requirements for Cost Recovery Activities.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Information Resources (DIR) shall submit a report detailing all revenues and expenditures out of the DIR Clearing Fund Account, Telecommunications Revolving Account, Statewide Network Applications Account, and the Statewide Technology Account, respectively; estimated unexpended and unobligated balances remaining at the end of each fiscal year out of these accounts; and any expenditures that would exceed the amounts appropriated in DIR's bill pattern out of these accounts. The report shall include the fee rates charged for each service provided by DIR, the total fees charged to each state agency and other users of DIR's cooperative contracts, telecommunications, state electronic internet portal, and data center services, and the methodology DIR used to evaluate and set the respective fees.

The report shall be submitted to the Governor, Comptroller, and the Legislative Budget Board no later than March 1 each fiscal year.

**11. Fund Balance Limitations.**

- (a) Before March 1 of each fiscal year, the Department of Information Resources (DIR) shall prepare a report which reflects the amount of unexpended and unobligated balances carried forward in the DIR Clearing Fund, Telecommunications Revolving, Statewide Technology, and Statewide Network Applications accounts, respectively from the previous fiscal year and submit the report to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and the Comptroller.
- (b) For purposes of this section (Rider 11, Fund Balance Limitations), "agency" includes a state agency, institution of higher education, or local governmental entity that uses DIR information technology commodity contracts, telecommunications or data center services, or is appropriated funds in this Act.
- (c) For purposes of this subsection, "total revenue" means the total amount of administrative fees collected from users of DIR's information technology commodity contracts authorized by Government Code, Chapter 2157. In the event that unexpended and unobligated balances in the DIR Clearing Fund Account at the end of any fiscal year exceed 10 percent of total revenue, as defined in this subsection, processed through the account in that ending fiscal year, the portion of the excess over 10 percent from all funding sources may be used in lieu of monies from the General Revenue Fund for cybersecurity purposes as defined in Rider 12, Security Services to State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education, of DIR's bill pattern. Any monies from the General Revenue Fund saved by this swap shall not be expended by DIR without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) for similar purposes. DIR shall report to the LBB quarterly on the use of excess fund balances for cybersecurity.

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- (d) For purposes of this subsection, "total revenue" means the total amount of gross revenue collected related to Telecommunications Services provided by DIR under Government Code, Chapter 2170. In the event that unexpended and unobligated balances in the Telecommunications Revolving Account at the end of any fiscal year exceed four percent of total revenue, as defined in this subsection, processed through the account in that ending fiscal year, the portion of the excess over the four percent funded from all funding sources may be used in lieu of monies from the General Revenue Fund for cybersecurity purposes as defined in Rider 12, Security Services to State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education, of DIR's bill pattern. Any monies from the General Revenue Fund saved by this swap shall not be expended without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) for similar purposes. DIR shall report to the LBB quarterly on the use of excess fund balances for cybersecurity.
- (e) For purposes of this subsection, "total revenue" means the total amount of gross revenue collected related to Data Center Services provided by DIR under Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L. In the event that unexpended and unobligated balances in the Statewide Technology Account at the end of any fiscal year exceed one percent of total revenue, as defined in this subsection, processed through the account in that ending fiscal year, the portion of the excess over the one percent funded from all funding sources shall be returned to agencies, no later than May 1 of the following fiscal year. The excess returned to the agencies by DIR is appropriated to the agencies for expenditures consistent with the original funding source.
- (f) For purposes of this subsection, "operating revenue" means the total amount of gross revenue collected related to the state electronic internet portal, Texas.gov, provided by DIR under Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter I, less the cost for payment processing services. In the event that unexpended and unobligated balances in the Statewide Network Applications Account at the end of any fiscal year exceed four percent of operating revenue, as defined in this subsection, processed through the account in that ending fiscal year, the portion of the excess over the four percent funded from all funding sources shall be transferred to the General Revenue Fund.
- (g) The Comptroller may prescribe accounting procedures and regulations to implement this section.
- (h) The reimbursement requirements established by this section may be waived or delayed, either in whole or in part, by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (i) DIR shall coordinate with the Legislative Budget Board on development of a methodology to implement this section and a methodology to determine the source of funds used for agencies' payments which are directly remitted to vendors for information technology and telecommunications products and services.
- (j) DIR shall require participating agencies to provide to DIR, and those agencies shall submit to DIR, information regarding the specific funding sources from which agencies pay administrative costs charged for the use of DIR's telecommunications and/or data center services respectively and as applicable.

**12. Security Services to State Agencies and Institutions of Higher Education.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Security Services, is \$28,572,893 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,572,893 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing cybersecurity services to state agencies and institutions of higher education. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Information Resources for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.

The Department may utilize up to \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of providing cybersecurity services to state agencies and institutions of higher education in addition to amounts appropriated above upon notification to the Legislative Budget Board. The Department may increase appropriations upon notification and any funds expended under this provision shall be reported to the Legislative Budget Board. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

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- 13. Veterans Crisis Line and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Information on Texas.gov Website.** It is the intent of the legislature that the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Information Resources in Strategy B.3.1, Texas.gov, may also be used to prominently post on the Texas.gov website the phone number for:
- (a) the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and a link to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Internet website; and
  - (b) the Veterans Crisis Line and a link to the Veterans Crisis Line Internet website.
- 14. Shared Technology Services Cost Savings.** Out of funds appropriated above, no later than July 1, 2026, the Department of Information Resources shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board which provides an estimate of the benefits and cost savings achieved through the Shared Technology Services program authorized under Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter L. The department shall coordinate with the Legislative Budget Board to determine the methodology and format of the report.
- 15. Sunset Contingency.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Information Resources (DIR) are made contingent on the continuation of DIR by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated for fiscal year 2026, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of agency operations.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 19,003,367	\$ 19,150,257
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Public Library Service Fund No. 118	\$ 11,441,137	\$ 11,441,137
Coronavirus Relief Fund	647,165	403,964
Federal Funds	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 12,128,302	\$ 11,885,101
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 3,300,878	\$ 3,230,878
Interagency Contracts	3,049,623	3,450,123
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>18,828</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 6,369,329</u>	<u>\$ 6,686,001</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 37,500,998</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,721,359</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	185.5	185.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Director-Librarian, Group 5	\$162,848	\$162,848
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: DELIVERY OF SERVICES</b>		
Improve Availability & Accessibility of Library Services & Resources.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$ 23,580,592	\$ 23,352,253
Assistance Provided to Texas Libraries.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: DISABLED SERVICES</b>	<u>2,932,986</u>	<u>2,931,350</u>
Provide Direct Library Svcs to Texans with Qualifying Disabilities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: DELIVERY OF SERVICES</b>	\$ 26,513,578	\$ 26,283,603

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<b>B. Goal:</b> PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOV'T INFORMATION Public Access to Government Information.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFO & ARCHIVES Provide Access to Information and Archives.	\$ 3,897,939	\$ 4,044,339
<b>C. Goal:</b> MANAGE STATE/LOCAL RECORDS Cost-effective State/Local Records Management.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> MANAGE STATE/LOCAL RECORDS Records Management Services for State/Local Government Officials.	\$ 2,842,984	\$ 3,173,484
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,246,497	\$ 4,219,933
<b>Grand Total, LIBRARY &amp; ARCHIVES COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 37,500,998</u>	<u>\$ 37,721,359</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 12,331,929	\$ 12,243,574
Other Personnel Costs	199,848	206,101
Professional Fees and Services	1,341,796	1,294,596
Fuels and Lubricants	13,400	18,400
Consumable Supplies	152,000	298,400
Utilities	263,500	288,500
Travel	106,292	131,292
Rent - Building	168,800	172,400
Rent - Machine and Other	764,077	781,100
Other Operating Expense	19,397,661	19,640,470
Grants	2,013,828	2,000,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>747,867</u>	<u>646,526</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 37,500,998</u>	<u>\$ 37,721,359</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 928,032	\$ 885,778
Group Insurance	2,204,405	2,264,146
Social Security	763,840	729,969
Benefits Replacement	<u>5,349</u>	<u>4,348</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 3,901,626</u>	<u>\$ 3,884,241</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Library & Archives Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Library & Archives Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Library & Archives Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> DELIVERY OF SERVICES		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Libraries Using Resources and Services Provided by State Library	80%	82%
Percent of Eligible Population Registered for Talking Book Program Services	6.98%	7%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LIBRARY SUPPORT SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Library Resources Provided to the Public Via Agency Programs	43,860,000	44,737,200
Number of Times Librarians Trained or Assisted	37,740	38,494
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> DISABLED SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Persons and Institutions Served	31,026	31,481
Number of Hours Staff Provided Patron Assistance	6,700	6,700
Number of Talking Book Program (TBP) Resources Provided to Patrons and/or Downloaded by Patrons	820,000	830,000

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**B. Goal: PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOV'T INFORMATION**

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percent of Customers Receiving Responses or Other Services from State Library Reference and Information Services within 10 Business Days of Date Request Submitted	95%	95%
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**B.1.1. Strategy: PROVIDE ACCESS TO INFO & ARCHIVES**

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Assists with Information Resources	4,625,000	4,650,000
Number of Information Resources Provided to the Public	4,637,000	4,663,000

**Explanatory:**

Number of Archival Items and Other Materials Newly Digitized	10,200	10,300
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**C. Goal: MANAGE STATE/LOCAL RECORDS**

**C.1.1. Strategy: MANAGE STATE/LOCAL RECORDS**

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Times State and Local Government Employees Trained or Assisted	13,000	13,000
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Repairs and Renovations to the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty, Texas	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) PC Replacement / Network Equipment	\$ 299,602	\$ 307,361
(2) Texas Digital Archive (TDA)	<u>135,159</u>	<u>135,159</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 434,761	\$ 442,520
c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Library Collection Materials and Public Access Information Resources	\$ 11,540,544	\$ 11,769,655
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	<u>\$ 402,537</u>	<u>\$ 447,021</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 12,877,842</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,159,196</u></u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 6,789,441	\$ 7,010,510
Federal Public Library Service Fund No. 118	\$ 2,041,323	\$ 2,053,158
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 2,892,544	\$ 2,892,544
Interagency Contracts	<u>1,154,534</u>	<u>1,202,984</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,047,078</u>	<u>\$ 4,095,528</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 12,877,842</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,159,196</u></u>

**3. Appropriation of Receipts and Unexpended Balances: Imaging and Storage Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Manage State/Local Records, and Strategy D.1.1, Indirect Administration, are unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, in Appropriated Receipts (estimated to be \$0) and Interagency Contracts (estimated to be \$0), and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$1,961,530 in Interagency Contracts and \$295,324 in Appropriated Receipts in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,362,030 in Interagency Contracts and \$225,324 in Appropriated Receipts in fiscal year 2027 from cost recovery of imaging state and local government records, and for the storage of state and local records, as authorized by Government Code, Sections 441.168 and 441.182.

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

- 4. Report of Reports.** By January 1, 2027, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, with the assistance of all agencies, shall prepare a complete and detailed written report indexing all statutorily required reports prepared by and submitted to a state agency as defined by Government Code, Section 441.180(9) and providing detail about the preparing agency, title of report, legal authority, due date, recipient, and a brief description. The report shall provide indexes by (1) preparing agency, (2) title of report, and (3) report recipient, and the detail section shall be arranged by preparing agency. This report shall include an assessment from each receiving agency for each statutorily required report affirming or denying its continued usefulness to that agency. This report shall be provided to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board and be made available to the public.
- 5. Appropriation of Receipts and Unexpended Balances of TexShare Membership Fees and Reimbursements.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Library Support Services, are unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, in Appropriated Receipts (estimated to be \$0) and in Interagency Contracts (estimated to be \$0) for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, and revenues accruing during the 2026-27 biennium estimated to be \$2,887,544 in Appropriated Receipts and \$1,082,093 in Interagency Contracts in fiscal year 2026, and \$2,887,544 in Appropriated Receipts and \$1,082,093 in Interagency Contracts for fiscal year 2027 for amounts collected from TexShare and TexQuest members as authorized by Government Code, Section 441.224 for costs associated with the TexShare Library Resource Sharing consortium.

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

- 6. Unexpended Balances of Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center - Repairs and Renovations.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Provide Access to Information and Archives, are unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, in appropriations made to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (estimated to be \$0 from the General Revenue Fund), and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027, for repairs and renovations at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center.

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

The Texas Library and Archives Commission shall report semi-annually to the Legislative Budget Board on April 1 and October 1 of each fiscal year on the status of projects for the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center. The report shall include a listing of completed and remaining projects to the site, expended project costs, remaining estimated project costs and any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

- 7. Texas Digital Archive.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Provide Access to Info & Archives, are unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0 from the General Revenue Fund) for the maintenance of a digital archival storage system to electronically store records of state agencies. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 8. Promotional Materials.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Provide Access to Info & Archives, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission may use appropriated funds to purchase archival replica materials for resale purposes during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. All receipts received from the sale of these materials are appropriated to the Commission for preservation, digitization, archives information services, and education operations.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the sale of these materials are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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- 9. New Facility Completion and Operations.** Included in Strategy B.1.1, Provide Access to Info & Archives, is \$146,400 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the sole purpose of purchasing archival boxes and folders to rehouse and prepare records and archival material for transport to and storage at the new offsite archival storage center. The funds identified may not be expended for any other purpose.
- 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.

PENSION REVIEW BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,435,469	\$ 1,442,970
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,435,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,970</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	13.0	13.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$170,000	\$170,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: SOUND RETIREMENT SYSTEMS</b>		
Provide Info to Help Ensure Actuarially Sound Retirement Systems.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT SYSTEM REVIEWS</b>	\$ 655,735	\$ 659,485
Conduct Reviews of Texas Public Retirement Systems.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION</b>	<u>779,734</u>	<u>783,485</u>
Provide Technical Assistance; Issue Impact Statements; Educate.		
<b>Total, Goal A: SOUND RETIREMENT SYSTEMS</b>	<u>\$ 1,435,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,970</u>
<b>Grand Total, PENSION REVIEW BOARD</b>	<u>\$ 1,435,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,970</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,292,679	\$ 1,300,180
Other Personnel Costs	19,600	19,600
Professional Fees and Services	22,500	22,500
Consumable Supplies	3,500	3,500
Travel	26,000	26,000
Rent - Building	1,000	1,000
Rent - Machine and Other	14,000	14,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>56,190</u>	<u>56,190</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,435,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,442,970</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 116,452	\$ 118,146
Group Insurance	163,957	168,839



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Social Security	<u>99,301</u>	<u>100,718</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 379,710</u>	<u>\$ 387,703</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Pension Review Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Pension Review Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Pension Review Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: SOUND RETIREMENT SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Actuarially Funded Defined Benefit Texas Public Retirement Systems That Are Actuarially Sound	98%	98%
Percent of All Constituents Satisfied with PRB Educational Services	90%	90%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT SYSTEM REVIEWS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Reviews Completed	450	450
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Technical Assistance Reports Provided by Staff	100	150
The Number of Applications for Sponsor Accreditation and Individual Course Approval Reviewed	15	15

PRESERVATION BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 19,124,099	\$ 15,790,141
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>8,784</u>	<u>9,135</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 23,784</u>	<u>\$ 24,135</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 19,147,883</u>	<u>\$ 15,814,276</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 45.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	183.5	183.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 6	\$205,772	\$205,772

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: MANAGE CAPITOL AND OTHER BUILDINGS</b>		
Manage Capitol and Other Buildings/Grounds and Promote Texas History.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: PRESERVE BUILDINGS AND CONTENTS</b>	\$ 500,852	\$ 497,496
Preserve State Capitol and Other Designated Buildings and Grounds.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	7,740,702	7,931,811
Maintain State Capitol and Other Designated Buildings and Grounds.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STATE CEMETERY</b>	651,723	631,723
Operate and Maintain the Texas State Cemetery and Grounds.		

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<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> SENATE FACILITIES	UB	UB
Senate Facilities Maintenance and Improvements.		
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> HOUSE FACILITIES	UB	UB
House Facilities Maintenance and Improvements.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> MANAGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	1,120,155	1,118,795
Manage Educational Program for State Capitol and Visitors Center.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> MANAGE STATE HISTORY MUSEUM	5,443,367	1,943,367
Manage and Operate the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.		
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> MANAGE ENTERPRISES	<u>89,161</u>	<u>89,161</u>
Manage Events, Exhibits, Activities & Operate Profitable Enterprises.		
<b>Total, Goal A: MANAGE CAPITOL AND OTHER BUILDINGS</b>	\$ 15,545,960	\$ 12,212,353
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 3,601,923</u>	<u>\$ 3,601,923</u>
<b>Grand Total, PRESERVATION BOARD</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,147,883</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,814,276</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,804,424	\$ 10,801,424
Other Personnel Costs	164,565	164,565
Professional Fees and Services	958,099	989,599
Fuels and Lubricants	13,350	13,350
Consumable Supplies	202,268	222,268
Utilities	58,175	66,625
Travel	12,620	10,019
Rent - Building	1,040	1,040
Rent - Machine and Other	7,845	7,745
Other Operating Expense	3,425,497	3,537,641
Capital Expenditures	<u>3,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,147,883</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,814,276</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 61,503	\$ 10,675
Group Insurance	1,988,150	2,034,769
Social Security	952,568	920,037
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,656</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 3,004,257	\$ 2,967,137
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 1,042	\$ 644
Lease Payments	<u>3,600,438</u>	<u>3,871,468</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u><u>\$ 3,601,480</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,872,112</u></u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,605,737</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,839,249</u></u>
<b>1. Performance Measure Targets.</b> The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Preservation Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Preservation Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Preservation Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.		
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: MANAGE CAPITOL AND OTHER BUILDINGS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Maintenance Work Orders Completed Correctly	95%	95%
Percent of Historical Items Maintained in Usable Condition	96%	96%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Preventive Maintenance Work Orders Completed	6,500	6,500

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<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Cost Per Building Square Foot of Custodial Care	2.8	2.94
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STATE CEMETERY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of School-age Tours Conducted at the Texas State Cemetery	235	235
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: MANAGE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of School-age Tours Conducted at the Visitors Center	1,500	1,500
Number of School-Age Tours Conducted at the Capitol	1,900	1,900
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: MANAGE STATE HISTORY MUSEUM</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Visitors to the Museum	434,805	456,545
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: MANAGE ENTERPRISES</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Net Income from the Capitol Gift Shops	450,000	450,000
Income Received from Parking Operations	1,638,760	1,638,760

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Deferred Maintenance (85th Legislature)	\$ UB	\$ UB
(2) Texas State Cemetery Master Plan Phase I (86th Legislature)	UB	UB
(3) Senate Facilities Maintenance and Improvements (88th Legislature)	UB	UB
(4) House Facilities Maintenance and Improvements (88th Legislature)	UB	UB
(5) Deferred Maintenance- Legislative Office Buildings	UB	UB
(6) Ranching Exhibit Renovation at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum	3,500,000	UB
(7) Texas State History Museum Roof and Boiler Replacement Projects (88th Legislature)	UB	UB
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 3,500,000	\$ UB
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 3,500,000	\$ UB
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,500,000	\$ UB
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 3,500,000	\$ UB

3. **Unexpended Balances: Between Fiscal Years.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations made above are appropriated to the State Preservation Board for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

4. **Unexpended Balances: Deferred Maintenance Projects.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Building Maintenance, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for deferred maintenance projects at the Capitol.

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

5. **Unexpended Balances: Texas State Cemetery Master Plan Phase 1.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, State Cemetery, any unexpended and unobligated balances

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remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for Phase 1 of repairs, renovations, and improvements to the Texas State Cemetery identified in the Cemetery's Master Plan.

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

- 6. Senate Facilities.** The State Preservation Board may only expend amounts appropriated in Strategy A.1.4, Senate Facilities, for projects with the prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor.
- 7. House Facilities.** The State Preservation Board may only expend amounts appropriated in Strategy A.1.5, House Facilities, for projects with the prior approval of the Speaker of the House.
- 8. Unexpended Balances: Senate Facilities.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Senate Facilities, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for Senate Facilities Maintenance and Improvements.
- 9. Unexpended Balances: House Facilities.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, House Facilities, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 for House Facilities Maintenance and Improvements.
- 10. Unexpended Balances: Deferred Maintenance - Legislative Office Buildings.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Building Maintenance, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) in General Revenue are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for deferred maintenance needs of legislative office buildings.
- Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the State Preservation Board for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 11. Ranching Exhibit at the Texas State History Museum.** Included in appropriated amounts above in Strategy A.2.2, Manage State History Museum, is \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of renovating the ranching exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum.
- 12. Unexpended Balances: Texas State History Museum Roof and Boiler System.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Manage State History Museum, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the purpose of replacing the roof and boiler system of the Texas State History Museum.

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

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts	\$ 57,657,810	\$ 57,657,809
Subrogation Receipts Account No. 8052	<u>567,750</u>	<u>567,750</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 58,225,560</u>	<u>\$ 58,225,559</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 58,225,560</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,225,559</u></u>

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This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE): 131.6 131.6

Schedule of Exempt Positions:  
Executive Director, Group 4 \$159,574 \$159,574

Items of Appropriation:  
A. Goal: MANAGE RISK AND ADMINISTER CLAIMS  
Manage Claim Costs and Protect State Assets.  
A.1.1. Strategy: ENTERPRISE RISK MGMT/CLAIMS  
ADMIN \$ 12,555,560 \$ 12,555,559  
Assist/Review Risk Mgmt Programs & Provide  
Workers' Comp Admin.

B. Goal: WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS  
Workers' Compensation Payments: Estimated and Nontransferable.  
B.1.1. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS \$ 45,670,000 \$ 45,670,000  
Workers' Compensation Payments: Estimated and  
Nontransferable.

Grand Total, STATE OFFICE OF RISK MANAGEMENT \$ 58,225,560 \$ 58,225,559

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:  
Salaries and Wages \$ 8,341,661 \$ 8,341,660  
Other Personnel Costs 200,000 200,000  
Professional Fees and Services 1,800,000 1,800,000  
Consumable Supplies 35,000 35,000  
Utilities 10,000 10,000  
Travel 120,000 120,000  
Rent - Building 720 720  
Rent - Machine and Other 24,000 24,000  
Other Operating Expense 47,694,179 47,694,179

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing \$ 58,225,560 \$ 58,225,559

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:  
Employee Benefits  
Retirement \$ 768,043 \$ 734,866  
Group Insurance 1,199,797 1,226,795  
Social Security 627,273 600,640  
Benefits Replacement 1,954 1,589

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act \$ 2,597,067 \$ 2,563,890

1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the State Office of Risk Management. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Office of Risk Management. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the State Office of Risk Management shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: MANAGE RISK AND ADMINISTER CLAIMS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Incident Rate of Injuries and Illnesses Per 100 Covered		
Full-time State Employees	3.55%	3.55%
Cost of Workers' Compensation Per Covered State Employee	240	240
Cost of Workers' Compensation Coverage Per \$100 State Payroll	0.6	0.6
A.1.1. Strategy: ENTERPRISE RISK MGMT/CLAIMS		
ADMIN		
Output (Volume):		
Number of Written Risk Management Program Reviews Conducted	25	25
Number of Entity Consultations Conducted	229	229
Number of Medical Bills Processed	90,000	90,000

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Number of Indemnity Bills Paid	27,000	27,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost to Administer Claim	725	725
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percentage of Total Assessments Collected Used for Claim Payments	98%	98%

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services - Server Migration	\$ <u>          UB</u>	\$ <u>          UB</u>
Total, Capital Budget	\$ <u>          UB</u>	\$ <u>          UB</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
Interagency Contracts	\$ <u>          UB</u>	\$ <u>          UB</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$ <u>          UB</u>	\$ <u>          UB</u>

3. **Unexpended Balances Between Biennia.** Included in amounts appropriated above are unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0 in Interagency Contracts) in Strategy A.1.1, Enterprise Risk Management/Claims Administration for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, to be applied toward assessments charged to state agencies for the risk management and claims administration program for fiscal year 2026.

4. **Administrative Support for the State Office of Risk Management.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Enterprise Risk Management/Claims Administration, the State Office of Risk Management shall enter into an interagency contract with the Attorney General for administrative support services which shall consist of the same levels of service and approximate costs as were provided to the State Office of Risk Management during the 2024-25 biennium.

5. **Unexpended Balances within the Biennium.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, out of appropriations made above in Strategy A.1.1, Enterprise Risk Management/Claims Administration, are appropriated to the State Office of Risk Management for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, to be applied toward assessments charged to state agencies for the administration of the risk management and claims administration program for fiscal year 2027.

6. **Appropriation - Subrogation of Receipts.** All sums of money recovered by the State Office of Risk Management from third parties by way of subrogation are appropriated to the State Office of Risk Management during the biennium of receipt to be used for the payment of workers' compensation benefits to state employees.

7. **Cost Containment.** The State Office of Risk Management shall submit a report detailing the effectiveness of various cost containment measures undertaken and proposing additional measures to reduce workers' compensation costs. This report shall be submitted to the legislative and executive budget offices, in the form those offices require, within 45 calendar days after the close of each fiscal year.

8. **Reporting of Workers' Compensation Claims.** For the purpose of reporting expenditures to the Uniform Statewide Accounting System (USAS), the State Office of Risk Management (SORM) shall account for payments of workers' compensation claims based on the date on which the bill for services is presented for payment to SORM.

In addition, not later than November 1 of each year, SORM shall submit a report to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Governor, and the Legislative Budget Board which accounts for workers' compensation expenditures for the preceding fiscal year based on the date on which the injury occurred and the medical or related service was performed.

9. **Unexpended and Unobligated Balances for Server Migration.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Enterprise Risk Management/Claims Administration, any

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unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) in Interagency Contracts collected from state agencies during the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of implementation of the Data Center Services - Server Migration project identified in Rider 2, Capital Budget, in the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the State Office of Risk Management for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 62,982,558	\$ 44,506,110
GR Dedicated - Election Improvement Fund No. 5095	\$ 1,190,528	\$ 0
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 8,059,385	\$ 8,061,617
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 72,232,471</u>	<u>\$ 52,567,727</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	293.0	293.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Secretary of State, Group 5	\$197,415	\$197,415
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT</b>		
Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DOCUMENT FILING</b>	\$ 8,183,281	\$ 8,183,281
File/Reject Statutory Filings.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: DOCUMENT PUBLISHING</b>	<u>774,516</u>	<u>774,516</u>
Publish the Texas Register and the Texas Administrative Code.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT</b>	\$ 8,957,797	\$ 8,957,797
<b>B. Goal: ADMINISTER ELECTION LAWS</b>		
Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 19,476,988	\$ 16,192,091
Provide Statewide Elections Administration.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PRIMARY FUNDING/VR POSTAGE</b>	20,958,475	2,652,410
Primary Election Financing; VR Postal Payment to Postal Services.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</b>	1,588,299	5,000
Publish and Interpret Constitutional Amendments.		
<b>B.1.4. Strategy: ELECTIONS IMPROVEMENT</b>	4,307,253	11,592,039
Administer the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA).		
<b>B.1.5. Strategy: FINANCING VOTER REGISTRATION</b>	<u>4,777,500</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Payments to Counties for Voter Registration Activity. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal B: ADMINISTER ELECTION LAWS</b>	\$ 51,108,515	\$ 31,441,540
<b>C. Goal: INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: PROTOCOL/BORDER AFFAIRS</b>	\$ 283,920	\$ 283,920
Provide Protocol Services and Representation on Border Issues.		

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<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 11,882,239	\$ 11,884,470
<b>Grand Total, SECRETARY OF STATE</b>	<u>\$ 72,232,471</u>	<u>\$ 52,567,727</u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 23,474,843	\$ 23,474,843
Other Personnel Costs	322,716	322,716
Professional Fees and Services	9,881,405	10,684,935
Fuels and Lubricants	500	500
Consumable Supplies	187,789	187,789
Utilities	170,563	170,563
Travel	311,396	311,396
Rent - Building	33,440	33,440
Rent - Machine and Other	195,543	195,543
Other Operating Expense	12,902,933	7,233,438
Grants	24,401,343	9,602,564
Capital Expenditures	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 72,232,471</u>	<u>\$ 52,567,727</u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,492,626	\$ 1,506,028
Group Insurance	2,895,383	2,974,350
Social Security	1,314,926	1,326,768
Benefits Replacement	<u>6,973</u>	<u>5,669</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 5,709,908</u>	<u>\$ 5,812,815</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Secretary of State. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Secretary of State. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Secretary of State shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INFORMATION MANAGEMENT		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Business, Commercial, and Public Filings and Information Requests Completed in Three Days	97%	97%
Average Cost Per Business, Commercial, and Public Filings Transaction and Public Information Request	0.65	0.65
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> DOCUMENT FILING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Business, Commercial, and Public Filings Transactions Processed	3,690,000	3,690,000
Number of Processed Requests for Information on Business, Commercial, and Public Filings	6,675,000	6,675,000
<b>B. Goal:</b> ADMINISTER ELECTION LAWS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average Cost Per Election Authority Assisted or Advised	7.5	7.5
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Election Officials Assisted or Advised	235,000	155,000
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Constitutional Amendment Translations Mailed	2,632,301	0

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000



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(2) Unified Fund Distribution System	<u>1,809,600</u>	<u>1,809,600</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 2,159,600	\$ 2,159,600
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	<u>\$ 3,196,783</u>	<u>\$ 3,199,015</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 5,356,383</u>	<u>\$ 5,358,615</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,006,383	\$ 5,008,615
Appropriated Receipts	<u>\$ 350,000</u>	<u>\$ 350,000</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 5,356,383</u>	<u>\$ 5,358,615</u>

**3. Contingency Appropriation for Constitutional Amendments.** The amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Constitutional Amendments, are intended to cover the costs of fulfilling the requirements of Election Code, Chapter 274, Subchapter B, and Article 17, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution for 11 proposed constitutional amendments or referendum items. In the event that the number of proposed constitutional amendments or referendum items exceeds 11, or if the actual costs exceed the amounts appropriated herein, the Secretary of State is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund the additional funds necessary to fulfill the aforementioned requirements.

**4. Travel Expenditures.** The Secretary of State is authorized to expend funds from the above appropriations to reimburse state inspectors for travel expenses pursuant to Election Code, Section 34.003.

**5. Limitation, Primary Finance.** Of the funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, Primary Funding/Voter Registration Postage, not more than \$250,000 may be distributed to the executive committees of the state parties for the operation of the primary and runoff elections. Funds distributed to the executive committees shall be distributed to the respective parties in the ratio of the total number of primary and runoff voters in the 2026 elections.

**6. Use of Excess Registration Fees Authorization.** Any registration fee collected by the Office of the Secretary of State to pay the expenses of a conference, seminar, or meeting in excess of the actual costs of such conference, seminar, or meeting may be used to pay the expenses of any other conference, seminar, or meeting for which no registration fees were collected or for which registration fees collected were insufficient to cover the total expenses.

**7. General Revenue-Dedicated Election Improvement Fund No. 5095.** Included in amounts appropriated above are all balances remaining in the General Revenue-Dedicated Election Improvement Fund No. 5095 (Fund 5095) as of August 31, 2025, for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$0), to carry out provisions of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) as codified in Election Code, Section 31.011.

Prior to the use of any other funds appropriated by this Act, the Secretary of State (SOS) shall expend all balances appropriated by this rider, or any other provision of this Act related to HAVA, prior to the use of any other method of finance. The SOS shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with a report on October 1, 2025, and 30 days after the end of each fiscal quarter thereafter, on any remaining balances in Fund 5095 and a plan for future expenditures that results in the usage of all balances in Fund 5095, including any new HAVA funds, prior to the end of fiscal year 2027.

**8. Limitation of Reimbursement for Non-Joint Primary Elections.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Primary Funding/Voter Registration Postage, may not be used to reimburse counties for amounts that exceed the costs to conduct a joint primary election.

**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.

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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.

- 10. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium for Document Filing.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy A.1.1, Document Filing, are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.
- 11. Unexpended Balances Between and Within Biennia for Election and Voter Registration Funds.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Primary Funding/Voter Registration Postage, any unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0 from the General Revenue Fund) are appropriated for reimbursements to counties for costs related to primary elections during the 2026-27 biennium.
- 12. Voter Registration Transfer Limits.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, or similar provisions of this Act, the estimated amount appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, Financing Voter Registration, is for the sole purpose of providing funding to counties to defray the cost of voter registration as provided in accordance with Election Code, Section 19.002.
- 13. Notary Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Document Filing, is an amount estimated to be \$120,000 in Appropriated Receipts in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium from revenue received pursuant to Government Code, Section 406.007(a)(2) for costs associated with notary education and enforcement.
- 14. Voting Systems Examination.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, is an amount estimated to be \$18,000 in Appropriated Receipts from revenue received pursuant to Election Code, Chapter 122 and \$80,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the examination of voting systems.
- 15. Unexpended Balances Carried Forward Between Biennia.** Included in amounts appropriated above are unexpended and unobligated balances out of Appropriated Receipts as of August 31, 2025, (not to exceed \$600,000) in Strategy A.1.1, Document Filing, appropriated to the Secretary of State for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to be used for operating expenses related to business and legislative filings, entity and trademark registration, notary services, public official commissions, providing copies of public information, and other document filing activities.
- 16. Credit Card Cost Recovery Fees.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Indirect Administration, are credit card cost recovery fees collected by the Secretary of State in accordance with Government Code, Section 405.031(e) (estimated to be \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027). These amounts shall be used to implement upgrades to electronic payment processing systems that are designed to protect the personal financial information of those requesting information. Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- The amount includes previously collected credit card cost recovery fees [from fiscal years 2006 to 2021] collected by the Secretary of State in accordance with Government Code, Section 405.031(e) (estimated to be \$0). This amount shall be used to implement upgrades to electronic payment processing systems that are designed to protect the personal financial information of those requesting information including the agency's transition to Tx.Gov and its new credit card processor as part of its modernization project that began during the 2024-25 biennium.
- 17. Unexpended Balances: Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Elections Improvement, any unexpended and

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unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for reimbursements for auditable voting machines.

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

**VETERANS COMMISSION**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 23,902,749	\$ 23,641,569
Federal Funds	\$ 13,831,859	\$ 13,831,859
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Fund for Veterans' Assistance Account No. 0368	\$ 31,924,645	\$ 31,924,645
Appropriated Receipts	68,500	68,500
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 32,003,145</u>	<u>\$ 32,003,145</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 69,737,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 69,476,573</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	481.5	481.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$170,098	\$170,098
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> ASSIST VETS W/RECEIVING BENEFITS		
Ensure Veterans, Their Dependents & Survivors Receive All Due Benefits.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> CLAIMS BENEFITS & ASSISTANCE	\$ 9,058,371	\$ 9,058,371
Claims Benefits & Assistance to Veterans and their Families.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> VETERANS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES	13,530,572	13,514,572
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> VETERANS EDUCATION	1,990,696	1,990,696
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> VETERANS OUTREACH	581,318	581,318
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> VETERAN ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM	403,864	403,864
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM	2,178,011	2,146,011
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM	364,134	364,134
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM	<u>2,010,800</u>	<u>1,978,800</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> ASSIST VETS W/RECEIVING BENEFITS	\$ 30,117,766	\$ 30,037,766
<b>B. Goal:</b> FUND DIRECT SERVICES TO VETERANS		
Ensure Veterans Receive General Asst, Mental Health, & Housing Svcs.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS	\$ 25,886,112	\$ 25,636,112
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> HOUSING FOR TEXAS HEROES	4,300,000	4,300,000
Housing for Texas Heroes Grants.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS	<u>3,835,000</u>	<u>3,835,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> FUND DIRECT SERVICES TO VETERANS	\$ 34,021,112	\$ 33,771,112
<b>C. Goal:</b> HAZLEWOOD ADMINISTRATION		
Provide Administration for Hazlewood Exemption Prg.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> HAZLEWOOD ADMINISTRATION	\$ 678,815	\$ 678,815

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<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,920,060	\$ 4,988,880
<b>Grand Total, VETERANS COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 69,737,753</u>	<u>\$ 69,476,573</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 29,527,602	\$ 29,527,602
Other Personnel Costs	770,359	770,359
Professional Fees and Services	1,773,649	1,842,469
Consumable Supplies	34,808	34,808
Utilities	344,826	344,826
Travel	792,707	792,707
Rent - Building	129,547	129,547
Rent - Machine and Other	83,638	83,638
Other Operating Expense	1,615,530	1,535,530
Grants	<u>34,665,087</u>	<u>34,415,087</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 69,737,753</u>	<u>\$ 69,476,573</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,404,847	\$ 2,426,681
Group Insurance	3,827,055	3,922,232
Social Security	1,993,472	2,011,085
Benefits Replacement	<u>3,372</u>	<u>2,742</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 8,228,746	\$ 8,362,740
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 1,521,576</u>	<u>\$ 1,636,115</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 9,750,322</u>	<u>\$ 9,998,855</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Veterans Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Veterans Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Veterans Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> ASSIST VETS W/RECEIVING BENEFITS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Amount of Monetary Awards (in Millions of Dollars) Paid Because of Commission Advocacy in Claims Representation of Veterans with Service-connected Disabilities	5,000	5,000
Amount of Monetary Awards (in Millions of Dollars) Paid Because of Commission Case Development and Advocacy in Claims to Raise or Maintain the Income of Totally Disabled Wartime Veterans above the Poverty Line	75	75
Amount of Monetary Awards (in Millions of Dollars) Paid Because of Commission Advocacy in Claims Representation for Survivors or Orphans of Veterans	3,000	3,000
Percentage of Education Program Approvals Completed within 30 Days	90%	90%
Percentage of Education Program Approvals Completed and Accepted by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)	90%	90%
Percentage of Institutions Visits Completed by the GI Bill Compliance Teams	100%	100%
Percentage of Customer Survey Responses That Express Satisfaction with Services Provided by the Texas Veterans Customers	80%	80%
Percentage of Veteran Entrepreneurs Who Certify As a Texas Veteran-Owned Business	11.5%	11.75%
Percentage of Health Care Advocacy (HCA) Cases That Resulted in a Positive Outcome	96%	96%
Percent of Veterans That Receive Individualized Career Services	90%	90%

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<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CLAIMS BENEFITS &amp; ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Claims for Veterans Benefits Filed and Fully Developed on Behalf of Veterans with Service-connected Disabilities	45,000	45,000
Number of Active Veterans Benefits Cases for Veterans, Their Survivors, or Their Orphans Represented by the Texas Veterans Commission	300,000	300,000
Number of Claim Decisions Reviewed by State Strike Force Team	5,000	5,000
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: VETERANS EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Approval Actions Completed by Veterans Education for Education/Training Establishments for Which Eligible Veterans and Family Members May Use Federal GI Bill Educational Benefits	18,000	18,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: VETERANS OUTREACH</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veteran Engagements	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: VETERAN ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Entrepreneur Services Provided to Veterans and Their Families through the Entrepreneur Program	7,444	8,065
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veteran Encounters and Services Provided from the Health Care Advocacy Department	10,500	11,000
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: WOMEN VETERANS PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veteran Engagements Through TVC Hosted Events, Community Events, Social Media, and Email Requests	30,000	30,000
<b>A.1.8. Strategy: VETERANS MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veteran Mental Health Department Outreach Engagements Providing Training, Certification, and Technical Assistance Across Texas Focusing on Suicide Prevention, Justice Involved Veterans, Veteran Homelessness, Peer Support, Military Cultural Competency, and Community and Faith-Based Partnerships	6,000	6,000

<b>B. Goal: FUND DIRECT SERVICES TO VETERANS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of FVA Mental Health Grant Beneficiaries Who Reported an Improvement with Managing Their Life Stress and Emotional Triggers as a Result of Grant Funded Services	60%	60%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: GENERAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veterans, Their Dependents, and Survivors of Veterans Served by Fund for Veterans' Assistance Grants	20,000	20,000
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: HOUSING FOR TEXAS HEROES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veterans, Their Dependents, and Survivors Served by the Housing for Texas Heroes (H4TXH) Program	250	250
Number of Completed Home Modifications Provided to Veterans, Their Dependents, or Survivors through the Housing for Texas Heroes Program	250	250
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Veterans that are Provided Services through Veterans Treatment Court Grants in the Fund for Veterans Assistance	1,000	1,000

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	\$ 1,065,193	\$ 1,132,772
b. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Hazlewood Database Improvements	\$ 237,503	\$ 237,503
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 1,302,696</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,275</u>

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Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,127,696	\$ 1,195,275
Fund for Veterans' Assistance Account No. 0368	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,302,696	\$ 1,370,275

- 3. Program for the Visitation of Wounded and Disabled Veterans.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Claims Benefits and Assistance, is the amount of \$55,135 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year, to provide a program for the visitation of wounded and disabled veterans who have returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom and other war zone areas that Texas veterans have served.
- 4. Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the receipt of Federal Funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, Claims Benefits and Assistance, Strategy A.1.2, Veterans Employment Services, and Strategy A.1.3, Veterans Education, the Commission may temporarily utilize monies from the General Revenue Fund, pending the receipt of federal reimbursement, in an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the amount as specified in the Notification Letter of Federal Award or contract to be received in each fiscal year of the biennium. The General Revenue Fund amounts utilized above the Commission's General Revenue method of finance must be repaid upon receipt of federal reimbursement and shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. The transfer and reimbursement of funds shall be made under procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed to the Treasury on or before August 31, 2027. All transfers of monies from the General Revenue Fund shall be reported by the Commission to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.
- 5. Fund for Veterans' Assistance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Claims Benefits and Assistance, B.1.1, General Assistance Grants, B.1.2, Housing for Texas Heroes, B.1.3, Veterans Treatment Courts, and D.1.1, Central Administration, are all revenues collected on or after September 1, 2025, deposited to the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Account No. 0368 (estimated to be \$31,924,645 in fiscal year 2026 and \$31,924,645 in fiscal year 2027 in Other Funds) for veterans' assistance programs and to make grants to local communities to address veterans' needs in accordance with Government Code, Section 434.017. In addition to the amount appropriated above, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) and all revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, from the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Account No. 0368 are appropriated for the same purpose to the Texas Veterans Commission for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

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

- 6. Interagency Contract with the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.4, Veterans Outreach, is \$74,214 in fiscal year 2026 and \$74,214 in fiscal year 2027 for a contract between the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board and the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to fund operations of the TVC Call Center. Pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 161.077, the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board and the Texas Veterans Commission shall continue a memorandum of understanding regarding the funding and operations of the Veterans Commission Call Center.
- 7. PARIS Data Review.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Claims Benefits and Assistance, is \$61,449 out of the Fund for Veterans' Assistance Account No. 368 and 1.0 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) per fiscal year to investigate and analyze information/data received from the federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS). The PARIS information will be used to assist and facilitate claims for veterans receiving Medicaid or other state public benefits to apply for federal benefits/compensation for which veterans are entitled from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Ten percent of the savings out of the General Revenue Fund during fiscal year 2026 that were the result of pursuing information from the PARIS as calculated by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) according to procedures or rules for making the calculations adopted by HHSC shall be credited by the Comptroller to the Texas Veterans Commission, Veterans' Assistance Account No. 368 from which expenditures were originally made and such funds are appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission in fiscal year 2027.

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- 8. Veterans Housing Grant Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Housing for Texas Heroes, is \$2,389,544 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium to provide grants to non-profit or local government organizations providing temporary or permanent housing to Texas Veterans and their families through the Housing4TexasHeroes program.
- 9. Support to Coordinating Councils.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Veterans Outreach, is \$55,905 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of supporting the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services and the Housing and Health Services Coordination Council.
- 10. Healthcare Advocacy Program for Veterans.** From the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Healthcare Advocacy Program, \$2,178,011 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,146,011 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 35.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) each fiscal year for the 2026-27 biennium may be used only for the purpose of supporting the Healthcare Advocacy Program.
- 11. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Out of funds appropriated above, and pursuant to Government Code, Sections 2110.004 and 434.0101, the Texas Veterans Commission may reimburse the travel expense of advisory committee members for no more than four meetings per advisory committee per year.
- 12. Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Authorized Health Care Billing.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Health Care Advocacy Program, the Texas Veterans Commission shall seek resolutions for unpaid billing concerns presented to them by Texas veterans when treatment services are rendered or authorized for payment by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The assistance shall focus on:
- (a) facilitating communication between the veteran (and/or their authorized representative[s]) and VHA or non-VHA provider(s) regarding bills that have been unpaid by the veteran or VHA;
  - (b) providing the veteran (and/or their authorized representative[s]) with information regarding VHA policies and procedures with the goal of reducing outstanding unpaid bills and future occurrences; and
  - (c) collecting data on how many VHA and non-VHA billing cases are resolved and quantify how much is saved on behalf of the veteran(s).
- 13. Service Dogs for Veterans.** Included in Strategy B.1.1, General Assistance Grants is \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year out of the General Revenue Fund to provide grants for organizations utilizing trained service dogs for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or victims of military sexual trauma.
- Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.
- 14. Veteran Suicide Prevention Website.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Veterans Commission in Strategy A.1.8, Veterans Mental Health Program, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Texas Veterans Commission shall establish a dedicated website to provide information about veteran suicide prevention.
- 15. Unexpended Balances: Hazlewood Database Improvements.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Hazlewood Administration, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the General Revenue Fund from the Hazlewood Database Improvements project are appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 for the purpose of replacing or improving the Hazlewood Act Database.

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

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**16. Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Exemption Data.** By November 30 of each year of the biennium, the Texas Veterans Commission shall provide a report to eligible institutions and their system office on veteran, child, spouse and legacy participants in the Hazlewood exemption program. At a minimum, the report shall include all institutions, broken down by institution and exemption type, and provide the numbers of students, total exemption hours, and total value of exemptions. The report shall not include personally identifiable information, in accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

**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. 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.
- (d) Estimate the cost to implement an improved service model, including hiring, training, and equipping claims benefit advisors, as well as office operations and support staff.

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.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 155,505,622	\$ 167,079,295
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 3,942,989	\$ 4,216,187
Federal Funds	\$ 40,291,560	\$ 42,884,327
Other Special State Funds	\$ 2,975,131	\$ 2,951,223
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ 202,715,302</b>	<b>\$ 217,131,032</b>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 69,043,545	\$ 69,232,819
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		



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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.	<u>133,671,757</u>	<u>147,898,213</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 202,715,302</u>	<u>\$ 217,131,032</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u><u>\$ 202,715,302</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 217,131,032</u></u>

SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 44,373,311	\$ 44,691,883
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 1,201,522	\$ 1,203,503
Federal Funds	\$ 11,187,036	\$ 11,118,237
Other Special State Funds	<u>\$ 1,308,236</u>	<u>\$ 1,189,997</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 58,070,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,203,620</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	\$ 57,859,252	\$ 58,032,197
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>210,853</u>	<u>171,423</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 58,070,105</u>	<u>\$ 58,203,620</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u><u>\$ 58,070,105</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,203,620</u></u>

BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 288,258,163	\$ 309,619,589
GR Dedicated - Texas Military Revolving Loan Account No. 5114	<u>\$ 6,940,164</u>	<u>\$ 9,551,973</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 295,198,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 319,171,562</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.	<u>\$ 295,198,327</u>	<u>\$ 319,171,562 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	<u><u>\$ 295,198,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 319,171,562</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Debt Service	<u>\$ 295,198,327</u>	<u>\$ 319,171,562</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 295,198,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 319,171,562</u></u>

LEASE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 20,271,924	\$ 21,797,932
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 20,271,924	\$ 21,797,932
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
A.1.1. Strategy: LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 20,271,924	\$ 21,797,932
To TFC for Payment to TPFA.		& UB
Grand Total, LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 20,271,924	\$ 21,797,932

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE I  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Commission on the Arts	\$ 21,338,573	\$ 15,338,573
Office of the Attorney General	319,216,902	320,560,110
Bond Review Board	1,230,022	1,205,021
Comptroller of Public Accounts	382,809,456	380,809,148
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	1,097,599,235	779,791,234
Commission on State Emergency Communications	10,626,943	10,677,177
Texas Emergency Services Retirement System	935,796	935,896
Employees Retirement System	471,730,000	471,730,000
Texas Ethics Commission	4,814,474	3,760,669
Facilities Commission	232,499,695	81,930,102
Public Finance Authority	1,283,374	1,283,374
Office of the Governor	16,654,207	16,654,204
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	3,235,007,519	319,580,560
Historical Commission	76,062,871	36,502,665
Department of Information Resources	28,572,893	28,572,893
Library & Archives Commission	19,003,367	19,150,257
Pension Review Board	1,435,469	1,442,970
Preservation Board	19,124,099	15,790,141
Secretary of State	62,982,558	44,506,110
Veterans Commission	23,902,749	23,641,569
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 6,026,830,202	\$ 2,573,862,673
Retirement and Group Insurance	155,505,622	167,079,295
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	44,373,311	44,691,883
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 199,878,933	\$ 211,771,178
Bond Debt Service Payments	288,258,163	309,619,589
Lease Payments	20,271,924	21,797,932
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 308,530,087	\$ 331,417,521
TOTAL, ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 6,535,239,222	\$ 3,117,051,372

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE I  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Office of the Attorney General	\$ 82,858,948	\$ 82,255,737
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	24,506,675	24,099,971
Commission on State Emergency Communications	56,495,158	56,394,461
Texas Emergency Services Retirement System	1,292,763	1,292,763
Facilities Commission	125,540,379	3,745,972
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	59,821,427	57,891,158
Historical Commission	896,666	896,667
Secretary of State	<u>1,190,528</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 352,602,544	\$ 226,576,729
Retirement and Group Insurance	3,942,989	4,216,187
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>1,201,522</u>	<u>1,203,503</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 5,144,511	\$ 5,419,690
Bond Debt Service Payments	<u>6,940,164</u>	<u>9,551,973</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 6,940,164</u>	<u>\$ 9,551,973</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 364,687,219</u>	<u>\$ 241,548,392</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE I**  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
**(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Commission on the Arts	\$ 1,377,000	\$ 1,377,000
Office of the Attorney General	244,249,181	249,890,611
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	1,059,397,986	934,397,986
Commission on State Emergency Communications	554,620	192,357
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	395,686,406	391,732,984
Historical Commission	1,459,274	1,459,274
Library & Archives Commission	12,128,302	11,885,101
Veterans Commission	<u>13,831,859</u>	<u>13,831,859</u>
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 1,728,684,628	\$ 1,604,767,172
Retirement and Group Insurance	40,291,560	42,884,327
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>11,187,036</u>	<u>11,118,237</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ <u>51,478,596</u>	\$ <u>54,002,564</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$ 1,780,163,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,658,769,736</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE I  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
(Other Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Commission on the Arts	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000
Office of the Attorney General	90,458,214	89,708,214
Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas	300,051,000	300,051,000
Comptroller of Public Accounts	1,957,890	1,957,890
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	240,700,000	240,700,000
Employees Retirement System	52,020,000	52,020,000
Facilities Commission	28,621,919	28,824,713
Public Finance Authority	1,020,454	1,107,600
Office of the Governor	120,500	120,500
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	792,000	797,000
Historical Commission	1,022,007	1,022,007
Department of Information Resources	750,887,998	770,315,524
Library & Archives Commission	6,369,329	6,686,001
Preservation Board	23,784	24,135
State Office of Risk Management	58,225,560	58,225,559
Secretary of State	8,059,385	8,061,617
Veterans Commission	<u>32,003,145</u>	<u>32,003,145</u>
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 1,572,585,185	\$ 1,591,876,905
Retirement and Group Insurance	2,975,131	2,951,223
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>1,308,236</u>	<u>1,189,997</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 4,283,367	\$ 4,141,220
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 757,721,815</u>	<u>\$ 769,743,017</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>\$ 819,146,737</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 826,275,108</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE I  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Commission on the Arts	\$ 22,967,573	\$ 16,967,573
Office of the Attorney General	736,783,245	742,414,672
Bond Review Board	1,230,022	1,205,021
Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas	300,051,000	300,051,000
Comptroller of Public Accounts	384,767,346	382,767,038
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	2,422,203,896	1,978,989,191
Commission on State Emergency Communications	67,676,721	67,263,995
Texas Emergency Services Retirement System	2,228,559	2,228,659
Employees Retirement System	523,750,000	523,750,000
Texas Ethics Commission	4,814,474	3,760,669
Facilities Commission	386,661,993	114,500,787
Public Finance Authority	2,303,828	2,390,974
Office of the Governor	16,774,707	16,774,704
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	3,691,307,352	770,001,702
Historical Commission	79,440,818	39,880,613
Department of Information Resources	779,460,891	798,888,417
Library & Archives Commission	37,500,998	37,721,359
Pension Review Board	1,435,469	1,442,970
Preservation Board	19,147,883	15,814,276
State Office of Risk Management	58,225,560	58,225,559
Secretary of State	72,232,471	52,567,727
Veterans Commission	<u>69,737,753</u>	<u>69,476,573</u>
Subtotal, General Government	\$ 9,680,702,559	\$ 5,997,083,479
Retirement and Group Insurance	202,715,302	217,131,032
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>58,070,105</u>	<u>58,203,620</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 260,785,407	\$ 275,334,652
Bond Debt Service Payments	295,198,327	319,171,562
Lease Payments	<u>20,271,924</u>	<u>21,797,932</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 315,470,251	\$ 340,969,494
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 757,721,815</u>	<u>\$ 769,743,017</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE I - GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>\$ 9,499,236,402</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,843,644,608</u></u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	10,906.5	10,911.5





ARTICLE II

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated health and human services agencies.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,462,433,141	\$ 1,468,657,411
GR Match for Medicaid Account No. 758	11,930,102	12,019,947
GR Match for Title IVE (FMAP) Account No. 8008	<u>144,916,290</u>	<u>146,345,746</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,619,279,533	\$ 1,627,023,104
Federal Funds	\$ 779,165,852	\$ 783,119,345
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 11,386,143	\$ 11,653,584
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	8,792	8,792
DFPS Appropriated Receipts - Child Support Collections Account No. 8093	<u>772,839</u>	<u>772,839</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 12,167,774</u>	<u>\$ 12,435,215</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,410,613,159</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,422,577,664</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 99% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	11,599.8	11,438.8
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Commissioner, Group 8	\$268,192	\$268,192
Director of Office of CBC Transition, Group 3	149,240	149,240
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> STATEWIDE INTAKE SERVICES		
Provide Access to DFPS Services by Managing a 24-hour Call Center.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE INTAKE SERVICES Provide System to Receive/Assign Reports of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation.	\$ 37,527,910	\$ 37,533,493
<b>B. Goal:</b> CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Protect Children through an Integrated Service Delivery System.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CPS DIRECT DELIVERY STAFF Provide Direct Delivery Staff for Child Protective Services.	\$ 1,006,633,757	\$ 1,026,351,101
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CPS PROGRAM SUPPORT Provide Program Support for Child Protective Services.	106,141,375	97,838,951
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> TWC CONTRACTED DAY CARE TWC Contracted Day Care Purchased Services.	60,625,038	64,810,824
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> ADOPTION PURCHASED SERVICES	14,307,559	14,307,559
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> POST - ADOPTION/POST - PERMANENCY Post - Adoption/Post - Permanency Purchased Services.	6,415,701	6,415,701
<b>B.1.6. Strategy:</b> PAL PURCHASED SERVICES Preparation for Adult Living Purchased Services.	10,183,353	11,037,038
<b>B.1.7. Strategy:</b> SUBSTANCE ABUSE PURCHASED SERVICES	13,597,190	13,597,190

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<b>B.1.8. Strategy:</b> OTHER CPS PURCHASED SERVICES Other Purchased Child Protective Services.	39,263,635	39,170,876
<b>B.1.9. Strategy:</b> FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS	489,080,638	484,263,576
<b>B.1.10. Strategy:</b> ADOPTION/PCA PAYMENTS Adoption Subsidy and Permanency Care Assistance Payments.	286,230,273	287,808,441
<b>B.1.11. Strategy:</b> RELATIVE CAREGIVER PAYMENTS Relative Caregiver Monetary Assistance Payments.	<u>28,989,304</u>	<u>29,396,077</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$ 2,061,467,823	\$ 2,074,997,334
<b>C. Goal:</b> ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Protect Elder/Adults with Disabilities through a Comprehensive System.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> APS DIRECT DELIVERY STAFF	\$ 66,991,923	\$ 66,990,632
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> APS PROGRAM SUPPORT Provide Program Support for Adult Protective Services.	6,138,958	6,138,954
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> APS PURCHASED EMERGENCY CLIENT SVCS APS Purchased Emergency Client Services.	<u>10,399,818</u>	<u>10,399,818</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES	\$ 83,530,699	\$ 83,529,404
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 48,912,710	\$ 51,263,688
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	21,646,383	21,412,634
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION	1,630,416	1,630,471
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> IT PROGRAM SUPPORT	<u>80,798,457</u>	<u>80,829,146</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 152,987,966	\$ 155,135,939
<b>E. Goal:</b> AGENCY-WIDE AUTOMATED SYSTEMS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGENCY-WIDE AUTOMATED SYSTEMS Agency-wide Automated Systems (Capital Projects).	\$ 63,587,822	\$ 59,227,825
<b>F. Goal:</b> OFFICE OF CBC TRANSITION Office of Community-based Care Transition.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF CBC TRANSITION Office of Community-based Care Transition.	<u>\$ 11,510,939</u>	<u>\$ 12,153,669</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>	<u>\$ 2,410,613,159</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,577,664</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 747,542,721	\$ 748,381,105
Other Personnel Costs	35,279,785	35,402,269
Professional Fees and Services	131,593,255	127,446,925
Consumable Supplies	190,248	190,248
Utilities	12,918,567	12,946,821
Travel	67,934,189	67,852,977
Rent - Building	650,559	659,715
Rent - Machine and Other	10,418,777	10,443,395
Other Operating Expense	212,481,488	216,305,339
Client Services	1,185,784,012	1,202,129,312
Food for Persons - Wards of State	810,766	810,766
Grants	<u>5,008,792</u>	<u>8,792</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,410,613,159</u>	<u>\$ 2,422,577,664</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 57,932,411	\$ 59,793,940
Group Insurance	103,833,986	107,752,446
Social Security	51,859,078	53,406,535

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Benefits Replacement	88,431	71,894
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 213,713,906</b>	<b>\$ 221,024,815</b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Family and Protective Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Family and Protective Services. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: STATEWIDE INTAKE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average Hold Time (in Minutes) for Statewide Intake Phone Calls in the English Queue	7.4	7.4
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: STATEWIDE INTAKE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of CPS Reports of Child Abuse/Neglect	287,539	291,564
Number of APS Reports of Adult Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation	125,041	126,377
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Statewide Intake Specialist Reports Completed Per Hour	2	2
<b>B. Goal: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Children in FPS Conservatorship for Whom Legal Resolution Was Achieved within 12 Months	54.3%	54.3%
Percent of Children Reunified with Family	40%	40%
Percent of Children Who Achieved Permanency with Relative/Fictive Kin	59%	59%
Investigations Caseworker Turnover Rate	28%	28%
Family-Based Safety Services Caseworker Turnover Rate	20%	20%
Conservatorship Caseworker Turnover Rate	30%	30%
Kinship Caseworker Turnover Rate	12%	12%
Foster/Adoptive Home Development (FAD) Caseworker Turnover Rate	20%	20%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CPS DIRECT DELIVERY STAFF</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Completed Child Protective Investigations (CPI)	140,274	142,238
Number of Completed Residential Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations	3,419	3,419
Number of Completed Day Care Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations	1,738	1,738
Number of Completed Alternative Response Stages	38,194	38,194
Number of Confirmed Child Protective Investigation Cases of Child Abuse/Neglect	34,543	35,026
Number of Confirmed Residential Child Abuse/Neglect Reports	205	212
Number of Confirmed Day Care Child Abuse/Neglect Reports	285	285
Number of Children in FPS Conservatorship Who Are Adopted	3,788	4,412
Number of Residential Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations Closed within 30 Days	1,726	1,726
Number of Day Care Child/Abuse Investigations Closed Within 30 Days	572	572
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Investigation	11.3	11.4
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Residential Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations	6	6
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Day Care Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations	9	9
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Family-Based Safety Services	10.9	11.1
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Substitute Care Services	16.4	16.2
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Foster/Adoptive Home Development	9.4	9.4
CPS Daily Caseload Per Worker: Kinship	12	12.1

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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CPS PROGRAM SUPPORT		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Child Protective Services (CPS) Caseworkers Who Completed Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Training	973	987
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> TWC CONTRACTED DAY CARE		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Days of TWC Foster Day Care Paid Per Month	33,481	33,708
Average Number of Days of TWC Relative Day Care Paid Per Month	29,985	29,984
Average Number of Days of TWC Protective Day Care Paid Per Month	59,450	59,450
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Daily Cost for TWC Foster Day Care Services	41.67	43.76
Average Daily Cost for TWC Relative Day Care Services	39.57	41.55
Average Daily Cost for TWC Protective Day Care Services	39.93	41.92
<b>B.1.9. Strategy:</b> FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Children (FTE) Served in FPS-paid Foster Care Per Month	9,373	9,276
Percent of Children (FTE) Who Are Served in Community-based Care Foster Care	76.2%	90.3%
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly FPS Payment Per Foster Child (FTE)	3,745.69	3,733.96
<b>B.1.10. Strategy:</b> ADOPTION/PCA PAYMENTS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Children Provided Adoption Subsidy Per Month	48,895	49,107
Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Permanency Care Assistance	7,140	7,240
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Payment Per Adoption Subsidy	422.45	422.49
Average Monthly Permanency Care Assistance Payment Per Child	407.58	407.58
<b>B.1.11. Strategy:</b> RELATIVE CAREGIVER PAYMENTS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Children (FTE) Receiving Daily Monetary Assistance Payments	3,332	3,379
Average Monthly Number of Post-Permanency Payments	78	79
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Child Receiving Daily Caregiver Monetary Assistance Payments	708.45	708.45

<b>C. Goal:</b> ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities Found to Be in a State of Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Who Receive Protective Services	85%	85%
Percent Repeat Engagement with Adult Protective Services (APS) within 6 Months	15%	15%
Adult Protective Services Caseworker Turnover Rate	25%	25%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> APS DIRECT DELIVERY STAFF		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Completed APS Investigations	87,367	88,396
Number of Confirmed APS Investigations	51,154	51,152
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
APS Daily Caseload Per Worker	23	23

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Administrative Systems	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000
(2) Information Management Protecting Adults & Children in Texas System	14,925,704	10,109,976
(3) Refresh Smart Phones	7,458	408,515

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(4) Seat Management	<u>10,368,005</u>	<u>10,392,623</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 29,301,167	\$ 24,911,114
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	<u>\$ 34,286,655</u>	<u>\$ 34,316,711</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 63,587,822</u>	<u>\$ 59,227,825</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 52,213,509	\$ 49,124,792
GR Match for Medicaid Account No. 758	<u>557,240</u>	<u>491,097</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 52,770,749	\$ 49,615,889
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 10,817,073</u>	<u>\$ 9,611,936</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 63,587,822</u>	<u>\$ 59,227,825</u>

**3. Limitation on Expenditures for Conservatorship Suits.** No General Revenue Fund appropriations to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may be used to pay for legal representation for children or their parents in suits in which DFPS is seeking to be named conservator except in situations where the Governor declares it an emergency and with prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

To request approval, DFPS shall submit in a timely manner a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:

- (a) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the expenditure and whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
- (b) the name of the strategy or strategies affected by the expenditure and the method of financing and FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
- (c) the impact of the expenditure on performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for the affected strategy or strategies; and
- (d) the impact of the expenditure on the capital budget.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

The request shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue written approvals within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

**4. Accounting of Support Costs.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall establish separate accounts from which certain support costs shall be paid. The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may make transfers into separate accounts from line item programs in order to pay for these expenses in an efficient and effective manner. Only costs not directly attributable to a single program may be budgeted in or paid from these accounts. Items to be budgeted in and paid from these accounts include but are not limited to: postage, occupancy costs, equipment repair, telephones, office printing costs, supplies, freight and transport costs, telephone system costs, and salary and travel costs of staff whose function supports several programs. DFPS shall be responsible for quarterly allocations of these costs to the original programs.

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### 5. Limitation on Transfers: Foster Care, Adoption Subsidy, Permanency Care Assistance, and Relative Caregiver Payments.

- (a) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget in this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may only transfer funds into Strategies B.1.9, Foster Care Payments; B.1.10, Adoption/PCA Payments; or B.1.11, Relative Caregiver Payments, with prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget in this Act, DFPS may only transfer funds between Strategies B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, B.1.10, Adoption/PCA Payments, and B.1.11, Relative Caregiver Payments, with prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), DFPS may only transfer funds out of Strategies B.1.9, Foster Care Payments; B.1.10, Adoption/PCA Payments; or B.1.11, Relative Caregiver Payments, with the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. A request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

### 6. Other Reporting Requirements.

- (a) **Quarterly Updates.** DFPS shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on a quarterly basis for each month in fiscal years 2023 through 2027: program expenditures and projected expenditures by method of finance and performance measure targets for Strategies B.1.3, TWC Contracted Day Care; B.1.9, Foster Care Payments; B.1.10, Adoption Subsidy/PCA Payments; and B.1.11, Relative Caregiver Payments. DFPS shall also submit data used to calculate the performance measure actuals for Strategies A.1.1, Statewide Intake Services; B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff; and C.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff, as well as other statewide intake data related to call abandonment. The reports shall be submitted within 60 calendar days of the end of each fiscal quarter in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) **Litigation Involving Child Welfare Services Providers.** DFPS shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in a timely manner about any pending litigation against DFPS or against any entity providing child welfare services under contract with DFPS, and the subject matter of the litigation.
- (c) **Monthly Data and Forecasts.**
  - (1) DFPS shall submit actual and projected caseloads and related expenditure amounts to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor for foster care, adoption assistance, permanency care assistance, relative caregiver, community-based care, and day care. Data for other programs shall be submitted upon request of the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor. The data shall be submitted in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
  - (2) DFPS shall make a report available electronically to the public not later than the 15th calendar day of each month containing the following information for the preceding month: 1) the regional statistics for children in DFPS care which include age, sex, ethnic group, disabilities, and the level of services the children receive; statistics showing where children are living compared to their home region and the types of facilities and living arrangements where they were placed; and 2) the total number of reports to Statewide Intake broken down by source; the total number of reports to Statewide Intake that are considered Information and Referrals; the total number of each type of allegation and the number of confirmed cases via an investigation for

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reports that meet the statutory definition of abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and the total number of exits from CPS custody broken down by exit type. DFPS may work with a third-party entity to help collect, analyze, and report the above data.

### **7. Limitation on Expenditures for Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Contracted Day Care.**

- (a) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget in this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may not transfer funds into or out of Strategy B.1.3, TWC Contracted Day Care, without the prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.

A notification to transfer funds into Strategy B.1.3, TWC Contracted Day Care, must be submitted within 30 business days of the date upon which DFPS produces a forecast indicating a need for additional funds and determines they are unable to operate within available appropriations and at least 90 business days prior to when expenditures are expected to exceed available appropriations. A notification must include the following information:

- (1) a detailed explanation of the need for day care services and the steps that have been taken to address the need without exceeding the amounts appropriated above;
  - (2) the sub-strategies affected by the increase in expenditures; and
  - (3) the method of financing and impact on performance levels by fiscal year, including a comparison to performance targets included in this Act.
- (b) Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, TWC Contracted Day Care, may be used only to acquire child day care services through TWC.

Expenditures for administrative overhead payments to TWC and local workforce boards in connection with any agreement to provide child day care services shall not exceed 5.0 percent of all amounts paid for child day care services out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, TWC Contracted Day Care.

- 8. Human Resources Management Plan.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall develop a Human Resources Management Plan designed to produce a quality workforce and improve employee morale and retention. The plan must focus on reducing employee turnover through better management and hiring, retaining, and promoting a high-quality workforce into positions of leadership. DFPS shall report by September 30 of each fiscal year to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor. Each report shall include, at a minimum and for at least the preceding twelve months, the following information by job category: employee turnover rate, percent workers retained six months after completion of training, employee tenure, employee turnover following the implementation of salary increases and promotion rates. The effectiveness of the agency's plan shall be measured by whether there is a reduction in employee turnover rates at the agency, specifically by the reduction in the turnover rates for caseworkers.

- 9. Appropriation Transfer Between Fiscal Years.** In addition to authority provided elsewhere in this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may transfer appropriations in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, and Strategy B.1.10, Adoption/PCA Payments, from fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Transfers under this section may be made only with prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor if costs associated with providing foster care or adoption subsidy payments are expected to exceed the funds appropriated for these payments for fiscal year 2026;
- (b) DFPS may make a one-time adjustment to transfers made under Subsection (a) if funds transferred from fiscal year 2027 exceed the amount needed in fiscal year 2026 and contingent upon providing prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Governor.

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A request under Subsection (a) shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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 request for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

### 10. Limitation on Transfers: CPS and APS Direct Delivery Staff.

- (a) **Funding.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, in this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall not transfer funds out of Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, or Strategy C.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff, without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. DFPS may transfer funds into Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, or Strategy C.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff, with prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.
- (b) **Full-time-equivalent (FTE) Positions.** Out of the FTE positions identified above for DFPS, 8,335.3 positions in each fiscal year 2026 and 8,167.3 in fiscal year 2027 are allocated to Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, and 868.3 positions in each fiscal year are allocated to Strategy C.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff.

None of the FTEs allocated by this rider may be transferred out to any other item of appropriation or utilized for any purpose other than the specific purpose for which the FTEs are allocated without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. DFPS may transfer FTEs in with prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.

- (c) **Limitations on Transfers: Request for Approval.** To request approval for the transfer of funds and/or FTEs, DFPS shall submit at least 60 business days prior to when the funds or FTEs are intended to be expended or reallocated for a different purpose a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:
  - (1) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the transfer and whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
  - (2) the name of the strategy or strategies affected by the transfer, and the method of finance and FTEs for each program by fiscal year;
  - (3) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for both the originating and the receiving programs; and
  - (4) the capital budget impact.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner.

The transfer request shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue written approvals within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the transfer of funds if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.



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(d) **Transferability of Resources to A.1.1, Statewide Intake Services.** Notwithstanding the above limitations, DFPS may transfer FTE and associated funding from B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, to A.1.1, Statewide Intake Services, for the purpose of process efficiency as identified through business process reviews with prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.

**11. Medicaid and Title IV-E Federal Funds.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall maximize the use of federal entitlement funds from Medicaid and Title IV-E for child and adult protective services direct delivery staff and program support.

In the event that federal entitlement funds exceed the amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff; B.1.2, CPS Program Support; C.1.1, APS Direct Delivery Staff; and C.1.2, APS Program Support, DFPS may expend General Revenue Fund appropriations and TANF Federal Funds thereby made available only with the prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to expending the funds. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

**12. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategies B.1.2, CPS Program Support; B.1.6, PAL Purchased Client Services; and D.1.1, Central Administration, and pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, is not to exceed the amounts stated below per fiscal year and is limited to the following advisory committees:

Parent Collaboration Group	\$20,000
Promote Adoption of Minority Children Advisory Committee	\$19,200
Youth Leadership Council	\$22,800
Family and Protective Services Council	\$15,000

To the maximum extent possible, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

**13. CPS Investigative Pay.** The Department of Family and Protective Services may provide \$5,000 per fiscal year to child protective services investigation caseworkers and supervisors. The pay shall be paid at the rate of \$416.67 per month, or pro-rata portion if a partial month is worked in the position. This pay is in addition to the salary rates stipulated by the General Provisions of this Act relating to the position classifications and assigned salary ranges.

**14. Child and Family Services Review Process.** None of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may be used to pay for federal penalties associated with the Child and Family Services Review process without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

To request approval, DFPS shall submit in a timely manner a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:

- (a) a copy of the federal document imposing and/or assessing the penalty;
- (b) a detailed explanation of the reason for the penalty and the efforts that were undertaken to avoid the penalty;
- (c) the name of the strategy or strategies affected by the expenditure and the method of financing and FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
- (d) the impact of the expenditure on performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for the affected strategy or strategies; and
- (e) the impact of the expenditure on the capital budget.

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Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

The request shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue written approvals within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- 15. Community-based Care.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in Strategy B.1.2, CPS Program Support, and the Office of Community-based Care (CBC) Transition in Strategy F.1.1, Office of CBC Transition, the agency and the office shall:
- (a) Report selected performance measures identified by the Legislative Budget Board that will allow for comparative analysis between the legacy foster care and the CBC systems. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board and shall be submitted March 31 and September 30 of each year. The report shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and any standing Joint Legislative Oversight Committees, as appropriate. The report shall also be posted on the agency's webpage in order to ensure transparency with stakeholders. The report shall contain: the most recent data for the selected comparative performance measures, an analysis of the data that identifies trends and related impact occurring in the CBC system, identification and analysis of factors negatively impacting any outcomes, recommendations to address problems identified from the data, and any other information necessary to determine the status of the CBC system.
  - (b) Ensure that all tasks, related FTEs, and associated funding to be transferred from DFPS to a Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) are clearly identified and agreed upon by DFPS, the Office of CBC Transition, and the SSCC prior to each subsequent rollout.
  - (c) DFPS shall report actual expenditures for each Catchment Area by strategy, stage, purpose, and method of finance by March 31 and September 30 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.
  - (d) The Office of CBC Transition shall report by March 31 and September 30 of each fiscal year the blended and exceptional rate in each region where CBC is implemented. The report shall be provided to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.
- 16. College Degree Pay.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may pay 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent above the current base salary for employees with targeted college degrees determined by DFPS to be relevant to their positions. The targeted degrees include but are not limited to: social work, counseling, early childhood education, psychology, criminal justice, elementary or secondary education, sociology, human services and child development.
- 17. Youth Specialist Activities.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.6, PAL Purchased Services, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall allocate \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for statewide and regional youth leadership and youth specialist activities, including:
- (a) assisting DFPS with the development of services, policies, and procedures for youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care;
  - (b) the creation and coordination of leadership opportunities for youth and young adults currently or formerly in foster care which includes training, experiential learning activities and events;
  - (c) assisting youth in foster care understanding the Child Protective Services Rights of Children and Youth in Foster Care developed under Family Code, Section 263.008;

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- (d) coordinating, facilitating, and providing materials and supplies for the operation of the regional youth leadership councils;
- (e) coordinating, facilitating, and providing materials and supplies for the operation of the state youth leadership council;
- (f) training for regional youth specialists and the youth specialist at the state office; and travel to the regional youth leadership council and state youth leadership council; and
- (g) travel to the regional youth leadership council and state youth leadership council.

**18. Mentoring Stipend.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Family and Protective Services may pay additional compensation for the mentoring of new employees as a means to increase worker retention. The additional compensation may not exceed \$300 per month to be included in the employee's monthly compensation, proportional to the hours paid during the month.

**19. Family Finding Collaboration.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, CPS Program Support, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall allocate \$321,800 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for a contract with a statewide organization for volunteer advocate programs authorized under Family Code, Section 264.602. Funding shall be used for personnel, developing curriculum, training and other necessary costs to support family finding efforts and the Collaborative Family Engagement model in order to increase permanency options and other beneficial outcomes for children and youth in state custody. DFPS shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with volunteer advocates programs to specify the respective roles of volunteer advocates programs and local CPS offices. Funds provided through this rider may also be used in collaboration with Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCC) in Community-based Care regions.

**20. On-Call Pay.** It is expressly provided that the Department of Family and Protective Services, to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call time at the following rates: credit for one hour of base pay worked for each day of on-call during the normal work week, and two hours of base pay worked for each day of on-call during a weekend and on holidays. This credit shall be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours and actual hours worked during on-call status. For employees subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), an hour of on-call service shall be considered to be an hour worked during the week for purposes of the FLSA only to the extent required by federal law.

**21. High Risk Pay.** The Department of Family and Protective Services may pay additional compensation for the following positions:

Child Protective Services Investigative caseworker and human service technician  
Child Protective Services Conservatorship caseworker and human service technician  
Child Protective Services Family Based Safety Services caseworker and human service technician  
Child Protective Services Local Permanency Specialist caseworker and human service technician  
Adult Protective Services In-Home caseworker

The additional compensation is in the amount of \$50 per month to be included in the employee's monthly compensation proportional to the hours worked during the month. An employee is no longer eligible to receive this additional compensation beginning with the first calendar day of the month in which an employee is no longer assigned to one of the positions included in this rider.

**22. Use of Child Protective Services Caseworkers in Hospitals and Clinics.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may, as appropriate, assign Child Protective Services caseworkers with expertise in providing care to victims of child abuse or neglect, to children's hospitals or specialty clinics in order to facilitate cooperation between DFPS and medical entities.

**23. Rate Listing and Limitations.**

- (a) **Informational Listing.** Amounts appropriated above are intended to provide the following rates in each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) or Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC), where Community-based Care

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(CBC) is operating, is required to reimburse foster families under the Service Level System at least \$27.07 per day per child or the daily foster family passthrough amount associated with each Service Package and Add-On Service if the child is receiving services in a foster family home under the Texas Child Centered Care (T3C) system.

- (1) Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, and Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, Community-based Care (CBC) Stage I and Stage II Network Support Payment: \$2,500 per child full-time equivalent (FTE) per year.
  
- (2) Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, daily rate per child under the Service Level System:
  - (A) Basic Foster Family: \$27.07
  - (B) Basic Child Placing Agency: \$57.71
  - (C) Basic Residential: \$52.65
  - (D) Moderate Foster Family: \$47.37
  - (E) Moderate Child Placing Agency: \$101.77
  - (F) Moderate Residential: \$126.03
  - (G) Specialized Foster Family: \$57.86
  - (H) Specialized Child Placing Agency: \$126.62
  - (I) Specialized Residential Facility: \$227.34
  - (J) Intense Foster Family: \$92.43
  - (K) Intense Child Placing Agency: \$218.11
  - (L) Intense Residential Facility: \$324.52
  - (M) Intense Plus: \$480.86
  - (N) Treatment Foster Family Care Foster Family: \$137.52
  - (O) Treatment Foster Family Care Child Placing Agency: \$318.98
  - (P) Intensive Psychiatric Transition Program: \$449.20
  - (Q) Emergency Care Services: \$153.09
  - (R) Temporary Emergency Placement: \$480.86
  
- (3) Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, for eligible services delivered under the Service Level System, 24-Hour Awake Supervision: \$15.46 per hour
  
- (4) Strategy B.1.11, Relative Caregiver Payments:
  - (A) Daily Payment: \$23.45
  - (B) Post-Permanency Care Assistance Payments: \$500
  
- (5) Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, daily rate per child under T3C for Service Packages and Add-On Services:
  - (A) Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Daily Foster Care Rates Community-based Services Packages
    - (1) T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services Foster Family: \$46.90

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- (2) T3C Basic Foster Family Home Support Services Child Placing Agency:  
\$83.29
- (3) Substance Use Support Services Foster Family: \$59.57
- (4) Substance Use Support Services Child Placing Agency: \$148.14
- (5) Short-term Assessment Support Services (not eligible for Add-On services)  
Foster Family: \$73.18
- (6) Short-term Assessment Support Services (not eligible for Add-On services)  
Child Placing Agency: \$150.40
- (7) Mental and Behavioral Health Support Services Foster Family: \$59.57
- (8) Mental and Behavioral Health Support Services Child Placing Agency:  
\$169.49
- (9) Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services Foster Family: \$90.78
- (10) Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Support Services Child Placing Agency:  
\$186.47
- (11) Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services Foster  
Family: \$93.27
- (12) Complex Medical Needs or Medically Fragile Support Services Child Placing  
Agency: \$187.80
- (13) Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Support Services Foster Family: \$100.21
- (14) Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Support Services Child Placing Agency:  
\$217.26
- (15) Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Support Services Foster Family: \$90.78
- (16) Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Support Services Child Placing Agency: \$219.98
- (17) T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Foster Family: \$139.58
- (18) T3C Treatment Foster Family Care Support Services Child Placing Agency:  
\$328.41
- (B) Child Placing Agency/Foster Family Home T3C Daily Foster Care Rates  
Community-based Add-On Services
  - (1) Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service  
Foster Family: \$26.12
  - (2) Transition Support Services for Youth & Young Adults Add-On Service  
Child Placing Agency: \$37.40
  - (3) Kinship Caregiver Support Services Add-On Service Child Placing Agency:  
\$38.22
  - (4) Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adults Support Services Foster  
Family: \$26.28
  - (5) Pregnant & Parenting Youth or Young Adults Support Services Child Placing  
Agency: \$51.22

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- (C) General Residential Operations - Tier I T3C Daily Foster Care Rates Treatment/Transition Service Packages
  - (1) T3C Basic Child Care Operation: \$270.80
  - (2) Services to Support Community Transition for Youth & Young Adults who are Pregnant or Parenting: \$365.60
  - (3) Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Treatment Services to Support Community Transition: \$366.17
  - (4) Substance Use Treatment Service to Support Community Transition: \$389.67
  - (5) Emergency Emotional Support & Assessment Center Services: \$390.91
  - (6) Medical Needs Treatment Services to Support Community Transition: \$422.30
  - (7) Mental & Behavioral Health Treatment Services to Support Community Transition: \$453.53
  - (8) Intellectual or Developmental Disability (IDD)/Autism Spectrum Disorder Treatment Services to Support Community Transition: \$461.23
  - (9) Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Treatment Services to Support Community Transition: \$472.14
- (D) General Residential Operations - Tier II T3C Daily Foster Care Rates Treatment/Transition Service Packages
  - (1) Sexual Aggression/Sex Offender Services to Support Stabilization: \$540.60
  - (2) Substance Use Services to Support Stabilization: \$565.50
  - (3) Aggression/Defiant Disorder Services to Support Stabilization: \$574.65
  - (4) Complex Mental Health Services to Support Stabilization: \$583.33
  - (5) Complex Medical Services to Support Stabilization: \$623.53
  - (6) Human Trafficking Victim/Survivor Services to Support Stabilization: \$669.03
- (b) None of the funds appropriated in this Act to DFPS may be used to reimburse a provider for foster care services in an amount that exceeds the applicable foster care reimbursement rate listed in Subsection (a) unless DFPS is unable to locate a provider that is willing and able to provide a safe and appropriate placement at the applicable rate.
- (c) DFPS may not pay a rate that would result in expenditures that exceed, in any fiscal year, the amounts appropriated by this Act in a strategy for the services to which the rate applies without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. For services not identified in subsection (a), DFPS shall seek guidance from the Legislative Budget Board as to whether a reimbursement methodology is considered a rate for purposes of complying with this subsection prior to implementing a new reimbursement methodology. To request approval for such a proposed rate, DFPS shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 60 business days prior to the proposed implementation date. At the same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information:
  - (1) a list of each proposed rate increase or proposed new rate;
  - (2) an estimate of the fiscal impact of each proposed rate by fiscal year and method-of-financing; and

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- (3) an estimate of the amount by which expenditures would exceed appropriations due to the proposed rates.

A request pursuant to this subsection shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any request for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

**24. Cash Flow Contingency.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) may temporarily utilize General Revenue Fund appropriations in all Strategies in Goal D, Indirect Administration, and in all Strategies in Goal E, Agency-wide Automated Systems, for temporary cash flow needs. All funding used in this manner shall be promptly returned to the originating strategy on or before August 31, 2027. This authorization is subject to limitations established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

**25. Limitations: Community-based Care Payments.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above is \$459,571,638 in All Funds (\$347,895,241 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2026 and \$561,383,196 in All Funds (\$434,062,597 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, for resource transfers, Stage II network support payments, and Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessments and Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, for Stage I network support payments and foster care payments for Community-based Care (CBC) in Stages I and II in Catchment Areas 3W, 2, 1, 8B, 3E, 4, 5, 8A, 6B, 6A, and 7A and Stage I in Catchment Areas 8A, 6A, 6B, 7B, and 11B as authorized by Family Code, Chapter 264.
- (b) Included in amounts identified in Subsection (a) is \$222,749,945 in All Funds (\$206,511,426 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2026 and \$302,756,232 in All Funds (\$279,810,926 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, which DFPS may not exceed or expend for any purpose not identified in Subsection (a) without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

**26. Faith and Community Based Partner Coordination.** To the extent allowed by federal and state regulations, and in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 535, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall maintain a coordinated and comprehensive strategy for engaging and collaborating with faith and community based partners, including the designation of dedicated staff for public and community partners.

**27. Human Trafficking Division.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, \$325,000 in All Funds (\$224,841 from the General Revenue Fund) and B.1.2, CPS Program Support, \$544,601 in All Funds (\$364,774 from the General Revenue Fund) and 5.0 FTEs in each fiscal year shall be used to fund the following for the children, youth, and young adults served by DFPS:

- (a) coordinate and support compliance with all federal and state human trafficking child welfare mandates;
- (b) develop policies, practices and identify services to support the prevention of trafficking for child welfare children, youth and young adults;
- (c) support DFPS' capacity to identify, report, recover and support victims of trafficking in their restoration journey through training and research; and
- (d) coordinate with key stakeholders, such as the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of the Attorney General (OAG), Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and other state or local law enforcement agencies, coalitions, and task forces to support identification, recovery and/or treatment needs for children, youth, or young adults who are at risk of/or victims of human trafficking within DFPS' purview.

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- (e) DFPS shall report December 1 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board, the Human Trafficking Task Force, the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the House Human Services Committee, the number of children and youth identified as victims of human trafficking within DFPS conservatorship; the number of children and youth referred for treatment services who are victims of human trafficking; the number of staff trained to detect and prevent human trafficking; and number of licensed facilities serving those populations.

**28. Contractor Penalties and Incentives.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, CPS Program Support, any available balances as of August 31, 2025, and any revenue collected on or after September 1, 2025, from Revenue Object Code 3770 as Appropriated Receipts from financial penalties collected from contractors under Human Resources Code, Sections 40.058(f)(2) and 42.0432(b) for failing to meet specified performance outcomes.

Amounts appropriated from Appropriated Receipts from Revenue Object Code 3770 shall be used to award incentives to contractors who exceed contractually specified performance outcomes pursuant to Human Resources Code, Section 40.058(f)(2). Incentive amounts may be paid only from available funds collected for this purpose in Revenue Object Code 3770. DFPS shall report all revenue collected in and all expenses from Revenue Object Code 3770 to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in the required Monthly Financial Report.

**29. Purchased Client Services Reporting and Limitations.**

- (a) The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on purchased client services provided to children and families in Strategies B.1.4, Adoption Purchased Services; B.1.5, Post-Adoption/Post-Permanency; B.1.6, PAL Purchased Services; B.1.7, Substance Abuse Purchased Services; and B.1.8, Other CPS Purchased Services, for the prior fiscal year by November 1 of each year. The report shall include the following:
  - (1) The number of children and/or adults receiving services in each strategy by month;
  - (2) A distribution of expenditures and number served by type of service; and
  - (3) The total number and cost of services that were court-ordered by strategy.
- (b) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, DFPS may not transfer funds into or out of Strategies B.1.4, Adoption Purchased Services; B.1.5, Post-Adoption/Post-Permanency; B.1.6, PAL Purchased Services; B.1.7, Substance Abuse Purchased Services; and B.1.8, Other CPS Purchased Services, without prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor 30 business days prior to the transfer. The Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may disapprove the transfer during the 30 business day period.

**30. Reporting Requirement on Child Removals by Race and Ethnic Group.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall report, by October 1 of each year, to the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor, the number of children removed from their homes by child protective services and the number of children investigated, by race and ethnic group, in the seven largest urban regions of the state identified by DFPS during the preceding fiscal year.

**31. Community-based Care Oversight Staff.** Included in amounts appropriated above for the Department of Family and Protective Services in Strategies B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, D.1.1, Central Administration, D.1.2, Other Support Services, D.1.3, Regional Administration, and F.1.1, Office of Community-based Care Transition, is \$14,310,144 in All Funds (\$12,696,665 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,890,688 in All Funds (\$13,233,434 from the General Revenue Fund) in fiscal year 2027 and included in the "Number of Full-time Equivalents" (FTEs) is 159.1 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 166.1 FTEs in fiscal year 2027, for case management oversight staff in Regions 2, 3W, 1, 8B, 3E, 4, 5, 8A, 6A, 6B, 7A, 11A, and 11B; a background check unit; and information technology technical support staff to assist in the oversight of Community-based Care.

**32. Federal Funds Maximization.** The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall submit progress reports related to the agency's efforts to maximize federal funds, including



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identifying the strategies DFPS has implemented and any successes and challenges in maximizing funding. DFPS shall also report how the agency can maximize federal funds by program and funding source. Progress reports shall be submitted by September 1 and March 1 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

In addition, within 90 calendar days of the end of each fiscal quarter, DFPS shall submit a report related to the use of Title IV-E federal funding and state funding utilized for children in conservatorship of the state placed in a congregate care setting. The report shall include the total number of children in congregate care, the subtotal of children broken down by level of care or service level under Texas Child Centered Care, and total funding by method of finance. The reports shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and any standing committee Joint Legislative Oversight Committees, as appropriate.

- 33. Volunteer Mentor Coordination and Access.** Included in amounts appropriated above is an estimated \$150,000 in Appropriated Receipts and 1.0 FTE for the 2026-27 biennium in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, for the Volunteer Mentor Coordination and Access program. Appropriations are contingent on the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) receiving gifts, grants, and donations pursuant to Article IX, Section 8.01, of this Act.

To the extent allowed by federal and state law, DFPS shall use appropriations referenced above to maintain a coordinated and comprehensive strategy for engaging and collaborating with faith and community based partners providing mentoring and support services to youth in the foster care system. This strategy shall include a full-time equivalent position acting as a volunteer service liaison and single point of contact for public and community partners providing mentoring services, shall ensure established mentor relationships are supported and sustained regardless of the placement of a child within the foster care system (including but not limited to those in juvenile detention, psychiatric hospitals and emergency shelters), and shall liaison with agency initiatives combating human trafficking.

**34. Community-based Care Stage III Incentives and Payments.**

- (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, and in accordance with Texas Family Code, Section 264.155 (6)(B), the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is authorized in Stage III of the Community-Based Care (CBC) model to expend from the General Revenue Fund to make financial incentive payments to Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) exceeding performance measures established in the SSCC contract. Any incentives will be limited to the General Revenue Fund portion of savings in foster care payments achieved by the SSCCs.
- (b) DFPS is appropriated in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, any revenue from financial penalties collected from SSCCs in accordance with Texas Family Code, Section 264.155(6)(A) for failure to meet specified performance outcomes. Penalties collected are limited to use in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments.

- 35. Conservatorship Caseload per Worker.** It is the intent of the legislature to use funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, CPS Direct Delivery Staff, on conservatorship caseworkers to achieve a conservatorship caseload of no more than 14.5 children per worker.

DFPS shall submit within 60 business days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the conservatorship caseload per worker ratio as well as information on the steps the agency is taking towards achieving the target if the number of children per worker is above the target. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and any standing Joint Legislative Oversight Committees, as appropriate.

- 36. Report on Provider Admission Data.** Providers receiving foster care reimbursement payments for children in conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall submit a quarterly report to DFPS that includes the number of children referred by DFPS or a Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC), the percentage of referrals that resulted in admission, the percentage of referrals that did not result in an admission - broken out by the various reasons for the denial, and, for children that were admitted, the average length of time of placement.

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DFPS shall collect and analyze the data and report by September 30 of each fiscal year to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor the providers collective efforts to improve the overall percentage of admissions and placement stability for children in the system.

- 37. Behavioral Health Funding.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.9, Foster Care Payments, the Department of Family and Protective Services shall allocate \$21,061,742 from the General Revenue Fund (\$21,133,570 in All Funds) in the 2026-27 biennium to provide behavioral health services such as Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization or similar services.
- 38. Community Services Construction Grant.** Included in amounts appropriated above, the Department of Family and Protective Services is appropriated \$5,000,000 in General Revenue Funds to provide funding assistance related to a non-profit organization operating as a 501(c)(3) that provides community crisis pregnancy services, foster care outreach, and community services in Montgomery County. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Family and Protective Services for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 39. Caseworker Incentive Pay.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 3.03, Salary Limits, and Article IX, Section 3.06, Recruitment and Retention Bonuses, in this Act, the Department of Family and Protective Services may grant one-time merit payments as incentive pay for employees transitioning from State employment to the Community-based Care contractor.
- 40. Comprehensive Quality Assurance Program.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall establish a comprehensive quality assurance program to assess the quality and consistency of services delivered through its Statewide Intake, Adult Protective Services, and Child Protective Services programs, including quality assurance processes designed to ensure the consistency and accuracy of investigation dispositions and the quality of services delivered through the Community Based Care model. DFPS shall publish on its website the results of its quality assurance monitoring quarterly beginning with the quarter ended November 30, 2026.
- 41. Kinship Funds Awareness Campaign.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Department of Family and Protective Services, is \$300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish and promote a statewide campaign on kinship care funds.

The public awareness campaign shall begin no later than September 1, 2025. The public awareness campaign may include online materials, printed materials, public service announcements, or other advertising media. The public awareness campaign may not convey a message that it is unlawful or misleading regarding funds that are available to qualifying kinship care homes under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and other Health and Human Services Commission programs.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 360,119,278	\$ 367,555,174
GR Match for Medicaid Account No. 758	2,657,624	2,657,624
GR for Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Account No. 8003	19,429,609	19,429,609
GR for HIV Services Account No. 8005	<u>53,232,092</u>	<u>53,232,092</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 435,438,603	\$ 442,874,499
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Vital Statistics Account No. 019	\$ 9,592,228	\$ 9,592,227
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	6,485,658	6,485,657
Hospital Licensing Account No. 129	1,246,949	1,246,949
Food and Drug Fee Account No. 341	3,627,949	3,627,947

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Bureau of Emergency Management Account No. 512	3,554,650	3,554,650
Public Health Services Fee Account No. 524	26,391,077	26,391,075
Commission on State Emergency Communications Account No. 5007	1,757,950	1,757,950
Asbestos Removal Licensure Account No. 5017	3,257,454	3,257,453
Workplace Chemicals List Account No. 5020	67,328	67,328
Certificate of Mammography Systems Account No. 5021	1,606,289	1,606,288
Oyster Sales Account No. 5022	80,000	80,000
Food and Drug Registration Account No. 5024	11,185,592	11,185,592
Permanent Hospital Fund for Capital Improvements and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease Account No. 5048	883,000	883,000
EMS, Trauma Facilities, Trauma Care Systems Account No. 5108	3,489,181	3,489,181
Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111	93,951,545	93,951,545
Childhood Immunization Account No. 5125	<u>46,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>

Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 167,222,850	\$ 167,222,842
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Federal Funds

Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 190,657,275	\$ 72,887,744
Federal Funds	<u>340,097,773</u>	<u>340,097,773</u>

Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 530,755,048	\$ 412,985,517
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Other Funds

Appropriated Receipts	\$ 24,594,790	\$ 24,594,790
State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts Account No. 707	356,110	356,110
Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements Account No. 709	68,659,012	69,289,379
Interagency Contracts	37,100,343	37,100,343
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	356,000	356,000
HIV Vendor Drug Rebates Account No. 8149	<u>3,993,952</u>	<u>3,993,952</u>

Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 135,060,207</u>	<u>\$ 135,690,574</u>
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<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,268,476,708</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,158,773,432</b></u>
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<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 4,459,418</b>	<b>\$ 4,571,394</b>
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	3,498.2	3,504.2
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Commissioner, Group 8	\$298,869	\$298,869
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION**

Preparedness and Prevention Services.

**A.1.1. Strategy: PUBLIC HEALTH PREP. & COORD.**

SVCS	\$ 156,176,559	\$ 153,758,763
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Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services.

<b>A.1.2. Strategy: VITAL STATISTICS</b>	30,817,743	30,817,743
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<b>A.1.3. Strategy: HEALTH REGISTRIES</b>	16,615,370	16,615,370
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<b>A.1.4. Strategy: BORDER HEALTH AND COLONIAS</b>	2,311,488	2,311,487
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<b>A.1.5. Strategy: HEALTH DATA AND STATISTICS</b>	11,253,556	6,030,333
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<b>A.2.1. Strategy: IMMUNIZE CHILDREN &amp; ADULTS IN TEXAS</b>	87,767,665	87,970,304
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Immunize Children and Adults in Texas.

<b>A.2.2. Strategy: HIV/STD PREVENTION</b>	243,680,529	256,018,314
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<b>A.2.3. Strategy: INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREV/EPI/SURV</b>	145,565,116	42,675,582
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Infectious Disease Prevention, Epidemiology and Surveillance.

<b>A.2.4. Strategy: TB SURVEILLANCE &amp; PREVENTION</b>	32,912,998	32,912,999
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TB Surveillance and Prevention.

<b>A.2.5. Strategy: TX CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE</b>	26,019,669	19,707,010
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Texas Center for Infectious Disease (TCID).

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<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION Health Promotion & Chronic Disease Prevention.	16,183,458	16,183,457
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> REDUCE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS Reducing the Use of Tobacco Products Statewide.	9,121,095	9,121,095
<b>A.4.1. Strategy:</b> LABORATORY SERVICES	<u>99,896,480</u>	<u>99,097,091</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION	\$ 878,321,726	\$ 773,219,548
<b>B. Goal:</b> COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	\$ 64,450,569	\$ 64,508,156
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS Children with Special Health Care Needs.	13,223,825	13,223,825
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> EMS AND TRAUMA CARE SYSTEMS	120,713,223	110,713,223
<b>B.2.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PRIMARY CARE OFFICE	<u>20,892,477</u>	<u>20,892,478</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 219,280,094	\$ 209,337,682
<b>C. Goal:</b> CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> FOOD (MEAT) AND DRUG SAFETY	\$ 38,469,098	\$ 39,252,480
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	7,363,786	7,363,785
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> RADIATION CONTROL	11,380,490	11,380,489
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV Texas.Gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>720,864</u>	<u>720,864</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES	\$ 57,934,238	\$ 58,717,618
<b>D. Goal:</b> AGENCY WIDE IT PROJECTS Agency Wide Information Technology Projects.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGENCY WIDE IT PROJECTS Agency Wide Information Technology Projects.	\$ 45,829,677	\$ 50,387,615
<b>E. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 37,806,882	\$ 37,806,879
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> IT PROGRAM SUPPORT Information Technology Program Support.	25,064,154	25,064,155
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	2,599,856	2,599,854
<b>E.1.4. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>1,640,081</u>	<u>1,640,081</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ <u>67,110,973</u>	\$ <u>67,110,969</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<u>\$ 1,268,476,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,773,432</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 247,630,117	\$ 239,466,914
Other Personnel Costs	9,414,142	9,030,451
Professional Fees and Services	260,264,409	191,492,314
Fuels and Lubricants	220,137	209,131
Consumable Supplies	1,139,513	1,138,733
Utilities	2,565,112	2,564,602
Travel	9,795,843	11,545,046
Rent - Building	2,755,353	2,858,423
Rent - Machine and Other	3,348,638	3,259,702
Other Operating Expense	384,292,557	364,175,420
Client Services	10,328,900	10,516,412
Food for Persons - Wards of State	721,234	829,419
Grants	317,856,310	314,556,312
Capital Expenditures	<u>18,144,443</u>	<u>7,130,553</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,268,476,708</u>	<u>\$ 1,158,773,432</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 22,819,267	\$ 23,036,442
Group Insurance	71,467,468	73,753,477
Social Security	18,702,559	18,880,484

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Benefits Replacement	<u>80,690</u>	<u>65,601</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 113,069,984</u>	<u>\$ 115,736,004</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of State Health Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of State Health Services. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of State Health Services shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Key Staff Prepared to Respond During Public Health Disaster Response Drills	95%	95%
Vaccination Coverage Levels among Children at Age 24 Months	66%	66%
Incidence Rate of TB Per 100,000 Texas Residents	4.1	4.1
Prevalence of Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use among Middle and High School Youth Statewide	9.04%	9.04%
Prevalence of Tobacco and E-Cigarette Use among Adult Texans	16.59%	16.59%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: VITAL STATISTICS</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Certify or Verify Vital Statistics Records	11	11
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: IMMUNIZE CHILDREN &amp; ADULTS IN TEXAS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Vaccine Doses Administered to Children	15,119,349	15,119,349
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Dollar Value (in Millions) of Vaccine Provided by the Federal Government	891.56	891.56
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: HIV/STD PREVENTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Persons Served by the HIV Medication Program	23,000	23,000
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREV/EPI/SURV</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Communicable Disease Investigations Conducted	250,000	250,000
The Number of Healthcare Facilities Enrolled in Texas Health Care Safety Network	4,845	4,845
<b>A.2.4. Strategy: TB SURVEILLANCE &amp; PREVENTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Tuberculosis Disease Investigations Conducted	9,402	9,402
<b>A.2.5. Strategy: TX CENTER FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Inpatient Days, Texas Center for Infectious Disease	11,000	11,000
<b>A.4.1. Strategy: LABORATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Percentage of Initial Newborn Screening Specimen Results Reported within 7 Days of Birth	84%	84%
<b>B. Goal: COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Infant Deaths Per Thousand Live Births (Infant Mortality Rate)	5.66	5.66
Percentage of Low Birth Weight Births	8.64%	8.64%
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: EMS AND TRAUMA CARE SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Emergency Health Care Providers (EMS Firms, Hospitals, RACS) Assisted through EMS/Trauma System Funding Programs	2,400	2,400
Number of EMS Personnel Licensed, Permitted, Certified, and Registered	20,759	20,759
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Trauma Facilities	299	299
Number of Stroke Facilities	189	189
Number of Hospitals with Maternal Care Designation	223	223
Number of Hospitals with Neonatal Care Designation	224	224

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C. Goal: CONSUMER PROTECTION SERVICES

Outcome (Results/Impact):

Percentage of Licenses Issued within Regulatory Timeframe	95%	95%
C.1.1. Strategy: FOOD (MEAT) AND DRUG SAFETY		
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost Per Surveillance Activity - Food/Meat and Drug Safety	214.5	214.5
C.1.2. Strategy: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH		
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost Per Surveillance Activity - Environmental Health	394.93	394.93
C.1.3. Strategy: RADIATION CONTROL		
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost Per Surveillance Activity - Radiation Control	816.33	816.33

2. Capital Budget. None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Laboratory Repair and Renovation	\$ 2,679,754	\$ 250,000
(2) TCID Repair and Renovation	6,560,000	0
(3) VSS Repair and Renovation	1,000,000	0
(4) Regional Clinic Repair and Renovation	3,380,000	205,000
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 13,619,754	\$ 455,000
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) IT Accessibility	\$ 1,079,943	\$ 1,079,943
(2) Seat Management	2,748,061	2,748,061
(3) Texas STHARRS Enhancements	4,061,687	0
(4) Tx Enhancement of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS)	3,310,710	0
(5) TXEVER Order Fulfillment Enhancements	1,000,000	0
(6) NBS Clinical Care Coordination	6,262,258	6,288,468
(7) Congenital Syphilis Case Management	1,170,176	657,780
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 19,632,835	\$ 10,774,252
c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Miscellaneous Laboratory Equipment	\$ 8,538,186	\$ 4,073,325
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 42,913,311	\$ 47,471,249
e. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity	\$ 830,998	\$ 830,998
(2) IT Security	3,047,830	3,047,830
Total, Cybersecurity	\$ 3,878,828	\$ 3,878,828
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 88,582,914	\$ 66,652,654
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 46,853,434	\$ 49,390,997
GR for HIV Services Account No. 8005	3,237,711	3,237,711
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 50,091,145	\$ 52,628,708

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<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Vital Statistics Account No. 019	\$ 2,032,025	\$ 32,025
Food and Drug Fee Account No. 341	4,802	4,802
Public Health Services Fee		
Account No. 524	236,252	236,252
Food and Drug Registration		
Account No. 5024	<u>183,999</u>	<u>183,999</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 2,457,078	\$ 457,078
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 20,810,596	\$ 1,927,622
Federal Funds	<u>2,570,232</u>	<u>2,505,232</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 23,380,828	\$ 4,432,854
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 444,549	\$ 444,549
Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements Account		
No. 709	12,204,020	8,684,171
Interagency Contracts	<u>5,294</u>	<u>5,294</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 12,653,863</u>	<u>\$ 9,134,014</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 88,582,914</u>	<u>\$ 66,652,654</u>

**3. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of the appropriations made for the programs listed in the table below, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" associated with these programs, appropriated elsewhere in this Act. "Other direct and indirect costs" for these programs are estimated to be \$4,459,418 for fiscal year 2026 and \$4,571,394 for fiscal year 2027.

- (a) This requirement shall apply to revenues generated in the following strategies and deposited under the following revenue codes or account numbers.

Strategy	Revenue Code or Account
C.1.1. Food (Meat) & Drug Safety	Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support C.1.1, Food (Meat) and Drug Safety, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Codes: 3142 (Food Service Worker Training); 3180 (Health Regulation Fees, for Tattoo/Body Piercing Studios); 3400 (Business Fees-Agriculture, for Milk Products); 3414 (Agriculture Inspection Fees, for Meat or Meat Products); 3554 (Food and Drug Fees, for Frozen Dessert Manufacture).
C.1.2. Environmental Health	Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support C.1.2, Environmental Health, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Codes: 3123 (Volatile Chemical Sales Permit); 3180 (Health Regulation Fees, for Lead-Based Paint Certification Program); 3555 (Hazardous Substance Manufacture); and 3573 (Health Licenses for Camps, for Youth).
C.1.3. Radiation Control	Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support C.1.3, Radiation Control, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Codes: 3589 (Radioactive Materials and Devices for Equipment Regulation).

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- (b) Appropriations made to DSHS in this Act are contingent upon DSHS assessing fees sufficient to generate revenue to cover the General Revenue Fund appropriations for the programs listed under Subsection a above as well as the related "other direct and indirect costs." In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**4. Immunization of Employees.** Monies appropriated above to the Department of State Health Services may be expended for any immunization which is required of employees at risk in the performance of their duties.

**5. Texas.Gov Authority Appropriation.**

- (a) The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is authorized in accordance with Government Code, Section 2054.252, to increase the occupational license, permit, and registration fees imposed on licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee charged by the Texas.Gov Authority.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above to DSHS include \$720,864 in each fiscal year in revenue collected for license and certification fees in Strategy C.1.4, Texas.Gov, for the purpose of paying Texas.Gov subscription fees.
- (c) In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections from fee increases to cover the cost of Texas.Gov subscription fees are insufficient to offset the costs identified above, the Comptroller is directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to DSHS to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.
- (d) For new licensing applications, DSHS is appropriated the additional revenue generated from occupational license, permit, or registration fees in excess of the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate for the 2026-27 biennium for the sole purpose of payment to the Texas.Gov Authority contractor of subscription fees for implementing and maintaining electronic services for the department. DSHS, upon completion of necessary actions to access or increase fees, shall furnish an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the Comptroller and the Legislative Budget Board. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purposes.
- (e) DSHS shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts in writing upon receiving an exemption from participating in Texas.Gov. Within 45 calendar days of receiving an exemption, DSHS shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller with a report of the effective date, the reason for exemption, and all estimated expenditures for Texas.Gov costs in the fiscal year in which the exemption is made.

**6. Collection of Emergency Room Data.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.5, Health Data and Statistics, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall collect emergency room data as set forth in Health and Safety Code, Chapter 108. DSHS shall use the data to measure and report potentially preventable emergency room visits, including potentially preventable mental health and substance abuse emergency room visits. DSHS shall submit the results of their findings to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, Chairs of the Committees in each House with jurisdiction over public health issues, and the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council on a biennial basis on or before December 31 of each odd-numbered year.

**7. Appropriation: Contingent Revenue.** The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is appropriated for the purposes identified below any additional revenue generated by DSHS above the amounts identified in fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 in the Comptroller of Public Account's Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) for each of the accounts or revenue object identified below. An appropriation from an account or revenue object shall be made available to DSHS once certified by a Comptroller's finding of fact that the amount in the BRE for the account or revenue object for the given fiscal year has been exceeded. An appropriation is limited to revenue generated in fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 and does not include any balances that have accrued in the account or revenue object code.



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By March 1st of each year, DSHS may notify the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor of the amount that DSHS projects will be received in excess of the amounts contained in the BRE for each of the accounts listed below, along with sufficient information to reflect how the estimate was determined. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of additional revenue, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued to reflect the additional revenue available for each account.

- (a) Account No. 341, Food and Drug Retail Fees, for restaurant inspections.
- (b) Revenue Object 3175, Account No. 5017, Asbestos Removal Licensure, for asbestos inspections and regulatory activities.
- (c) Account No. 5021, Certification of Mammography Systems, for the purpose of certification of mammography facilities.
- (d) Account No. 5024, Food and Drug Registration Fees, for food and drug inspections.
- (e) Account No. 5022, Oyster Sales, for oyster plant inspections.
- (f) Revenue Object 3589 in the General Revenue Fund for Radiation Control regulatory activities.
- (g) Revenue Objects 3123, 3555, and 3573 in the General Revenue Fund for environmental regulation.
- (h) Account No. 19, Vital Statistics, for processing birth and death certificates and other vital records.
- (i) Account No. 512, Bureau of Emergency Management, for licensing Emergency Medical Services personnel and providers.
- (j) Account No. 524, Public Health Services Fee, for Laboratory activities.

**8. Estimated Appropriations: Perpetual Care Account.** In the event of an incident involving the release of or abandonment of radioactive material and/or contaminated facilities in Texas under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or the abandonment of mammography films by a facility registered by DSHS and after receiving the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor and DSHS notifying the Comptroller of Public Accounts, DSHS is appropriated any revenues from DSHS licensees, including the proceeds of securities and interest earned, deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Perpetual Care Account No. 5096, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 401.305 (b) and Section 401.301 (d) during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$13,769,488). Amounts that exceed \$100,000 are subject to the prior written approval of the LBB and the Governor. Transfers below these thresholds require written notification to the LBB and Governor within 30 calendar days and a report on transfers of all amounts should be submitted to the LBB annually. Upon approval or notification, DSHS shall coordinate with the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Any unexpended balances from amounts approved by the LBB and the Governor remaining as of August 31, 2025, is appropriated to the agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose, subject to the department notifying the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to budgeting and expending these balances.

The funds shall be used in Strategy C.1.3, Radiation Control, to mitigate radioactive contamination or abandoned radioactive sources resulting from activities of a DSHS licensee or unlicensed entity or a mammography registrant as provided in the Health and Safety Code, Section 401.305 (c) - (d), and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality relating to the regulations for the control of radiation as applicable.

**9. Limitation: Transfer Authority.**

- (a) **Notification Regarding Transfers.** Authority provided in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, is contingent upon a written notification from Department of State

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Health Services (DSHS) to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 30 calendar days prior to the transfer, which includes the following information:

- (1) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the transfer and whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
  - (2) the name of the originating and receiving strategies and the method of financing and FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
  - (3) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for both the originating and the receiving strategies; and
  - (4) the capital budget impact.
- (b) **Cash Management.** Notwithstanding the above limitations, DSHS may temporarily utilize funds for cash flow purposes. All funding used in this manner shall be promptly returned to the originating strategy on or before August 31, 2027. This authorization is subject to limitations established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the transfer of funds authorized by any of the above subsections if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

In the case of disaster or other emergency, this provision is superseded by the emergency-related transfer authority in Article IX of this Act.

**10. Other Reporting Requirements - Fees.** The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall review all of the fee schedules within its authority on an annual basis and update to cover direct and indirect costs of program operations. DSHS shall provide a fee report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than January 31 of each year of the biennium. The report should include any fee adjustments, rationale and methodology for the change, revenue estimates by each fiscal year, details and justification for direct and indirect costs.

**11. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, or the statute authorizing the specific committee for those committees not subject to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above not to exceed \$221,800 per fiscal year, is limited to the following advisory committees: Medical Advisory Board, State Child Fatality Review Team Committee, Stock Epinephrine Advisory Committee, Texas Radiation Advisory Board, Preparedness Coordinating Council, Governor's Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Advisory Council, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke, Texas Diabetes Council, State Preventative Health Advisory Committee, and Sickle Cell Task Force.

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, or the statute authorizing the specific committee for those committees not subject to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above, is limited to any advisory committee member who represents either the general public or consumer on the following advisory committees: Texas HIV Medication Advisory Committee, Promotora Community Health Worker Training and Certification Committee, School Health Advisory Committee, and Newborn Screening Advisory Committee.

To the maximum extent possible, the Department of State Health Services shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

**12. Nuisance Surveys for the Economically Distressed Areas Program.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Water Development Board (WDB) shall reimburse the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for costs incurred by the agency in conducting nuisance surveys for applicants for financial assistance through the Economically Distressed Areas program administered by the WDB. TCEQ and WDB shall each reimburse such costs through Interagency Contracts with DSHS in an amount not to exceed a total of \$125,000 per agency for the biennium.

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- 13. School Cafeteria Inspections.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of State Health Services in Strategy C.1.1, Food (Meat) and Drug Safety, include fee revenue from the General Revenue Fund estimated to be \$350,000 in each fiscal year from school districts for the purpose of conducting inspections of school cafeterias to achieve compliance with federal regulations issued pursuant to Section 402 of Public Law 296, 124 Stat. 3259 (Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010).
- 14. Tobacco Prevention Funding.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.2, Reduce Use of Tobacco Products, funds provided for activities targeting prevention of youth experimentation with nicotine-containing products shall only be expended on evidence-based and promising practices.
- 15. Texas Center for Infectious Disease Services and Billing.** The Department of State Health Services shall pursue reimbursement, in cases where funding is available, from county governments for tuberculosis services provided to new county indigent patients served at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease.
- 16. Continuity of Public Health Services.** The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall ensure continuity of public health services provided in all strategies in Goal A, Preparedness and Prevention Services, Goal B, Community Health Services, and Goal C, Consumer Protection Services. Should the agency determine costs associated with ensuring continuity of public health services would exceed appropriations, DSHS shall utilize Rider 9, Limitation: Transfer Authority, to transfer funds within the agency or coordinate with the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to utilize Special Provisions Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority, to transfer funds from health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act.
- 17. HIV Vendor Drug Rebates.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, HIV/STD Prevention, is all rebate revenue earned via the HIV Medication Program and deposited under the Comptroller's Revenue Object Code No. 3552, estimated to be \$3,993,952 in HIV Vendor Drug Rebates Account No. 8149 (Other Funds) each fiscal year of the biennium to administer the HIV/STD program in accordance with the applicable federal law.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in HIV Vendor Drug Rebates Account No. 8149 (Other Funds), are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances remaining from amounts appropriated in HIV Vendor Drug Rebates Account No. 8149 (Other Funds) in this rider as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

For expenditures which may be funded with rebates, General Revenue Fund Appropriations, or General Revenue-Dedicated Fund Appropriations, rebates should be expended first to the extent possible while ensuring the Maintenance of Effort is met with General Revenue Fund expenditures.

No later than November 1 of each fiscal year, DSHS shall report to the Legislative Budget Board the amount of unexpended balances of rebate revenue from the previous fiscal year and the agency's planned use of these balances.

- 18. Permanent Hospital Fund.** Included in amounts appropriated above, in Strategy A.2.5, TX Center for Infectious Disease, is an estimated \$883,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$883,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue - Dedicated Permanent Hospital Fund for Capital Improvements and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease Account No. 5048 from the available earnings of the fund for the purpose of implementing Government Code, Section 403.1066.

In no event may administrative costs exceed 3 percent of the appropriations from General Revenue - Dedicated Permanent Hospital Fund for Capital Improvements and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease Account No. 5048.

Available earnings in excess of the amounts estimated above are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

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Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations made by this Rider are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose, subject to DSHS notifying the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to budgeting and expending these balances.

**19. Maternal Mortality and Morbidity.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in Strategy B.1.1, Maternal and Child Health, include \$7,000,000 in All Funds and 16.0 FTEs in each fiscal year for the following items:

- (a) to implement and operate maternal safety initiatives statewide;
- (b) to continue and expand the high-risk maternal care coordination services pilot for women of childbearing age, which may include the following:
  - (1) Implementing a statewide assessment of training courses;
  - (2) Sharing existing models of high-risk maternal care coordination services;
  - (3) Implementing a risk assessment tool to identify pregnant women who are at a higher risk for poor pregnancy, birth, or postpartum outcomes and train providers on use of the risk assessment tools; and
  - (4) Creating educational materials for promotoros or community health workers; and
- (c) to increase public awareness and prevention activities related to maternal mortality and morbidity.

Additionally, out of funds appropriated above, DSHS in coordination with the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee shall annually collect information relating to postpartum depression screening and treatment under state health programs administered by the Health and Human Services Commission, including Medicaid and Healthy Texas Women.

**20. Adult Safety Net Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Immunize Children and Adults in Texas, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) may make available adult safety net vaccines to local health departments to immunize Medicare-D patients whose insurance does not cover the vaccine at the time of presentation at the local health department. DSHS may only make vaccines available if doing so will not result in need for additional funding or a reduction in vaccines provided to the uninsured adult population. To the extent possible, vaccines provided to Medicare-D patients shall be targeted to lower income persons.

**21. Federally Funded Capital Projects.** Notwithstanding the limitations in Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Department of State Health Services is authorized to transfer from a non-capital budget item to an existing capital budget item or a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern contingent upon:

- (a) implementation of a new, unanticipated project that is 100 percent federally funded; or
- (b) the unanticipated expansion of an existing project that is 100 percent federally funded; and
- (c) providing prior written notification to the State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor.

**22. Texas HIV Medication Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) maximize appropriations to the Texas HIV Medication Program by:

- (a) applying for the maximum supplemental award for HIV Care Formula Grants each year; and
- (b) implementing the cost containment measures outlined in 25 Texas Administrative Code Section 98.115 as needed.

DSHS shall notify providers and other relevant stakeholders at least 60 calendar days before implementing any cost containment measures for the Texas HIV Medication Program.

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**23. Emergency Medical Task Force.**

- (a) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall provide \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund ongoing programs, exercises, and readiness for the Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF).
- (b) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services, DSHS shall provide \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of General Revenue Fund appropriations to fund the management of the EMTF program.
- (c) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services, DSHS shall provide \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of General Revenue Fund appropriations for the replacement of critical emergency medical response equipment statewide, including specialized emergency medical vehicles, trailers, inflatable equipment, and durable medical equipment.
- (d) Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services, DSHS shall utilize \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of General Revenue Fund appropriations for any purpose stated above in Sections (a), (b), and (c) except for the purchase or replacement of ambulance buses (AMBUSES).

**24. Hospital Care Information Funding.** Relating to the appropriations made to the Department of State Health Services under Strategy A.1.5, Health Data and Statistics, it is the intent of the legislature that the department use excess money collected under Health and Safety Code, Section 241.025(d), to administer the department's responsibilities under Health and Safety Code, Chapters 108 and 324, and similar laws that require the department to provide information related to hospital care to the public.

**25. Report on Federal Public Health Funding to Local Health Entities.** The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall produce a biannual report on the allocation of federal public health funding received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first report shall include federal public health funding allocated from January 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025, to state programs and local health entities. The report shall be provided to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chair of the House and Senate Finance Committees, Chair of the House Public Health Committee, and Chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee by October 1, 2025. DSHS shall provide updated reports including six additional months of federal public health funding every subsequent six months.

**26. Unexpended Balance Authority: Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Funding.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Health Data and Statistics, include an interagency contract with the Board of Nursing in the amount of \$739,550 in the state fiscal year ending on August 31, 2026, and \$750,550 in the state fiscal year ending on August 31, 2027, to provide funding for the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies and to support the grant program to reduce workplace violence against nurses.

Any unexpended balances of these funds for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**27. Alzheimer's Disease Program.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Chronic Disease Prevention, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall expend \$2,750,000 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year on the Alzheimer's Disease Program

**28. Hemp Regulation.** Included in amounts appropriated above, in Strategy C.1.1, Food (Meat) and Drug Safety, is an estimated \$1,305,563 in each fiscal year from Revenue Object 3554 in the General Revenue Fund for Consumable Hemp Products for the purposes of implementing Health and Safety Code, Chapter 443.

Additional revenue from Revenue Object 3554 in the General Revenue Fund for Consumable Hemp Products in excess of the amounts appropriated above (estimated to be \$0) is appropriated to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for the same purpose up to an additional \$411,344 each fiscal year

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- 29. Department of State Health Services and Department of Information Resources: Vital Statistics Revenue.** DSHS shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board on the allocation of additional revenue in the Vital Statistics program that occurred in the 2026-27 biennium as a result of implementing the agreement to share the customer fee revenue generated from vital statistics services deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Fund 19, Vital Statistics Account between Department of Information Resources (DIR) and DSHS by October 1, 2026. The report shall include monthly revenue amounts and salary increases, operating costs, and any other expenditures or obligations as a result of the increase in revenue provided in General Revenue-Dedicated Fund 19 because of implementation of the agreement between DIR and DSHS.
- 30. Emergency Preparedness/Patient Communication and Logistics Platform.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services, the Department of State Health Services is appropriated \$2,400,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to maintain existing patient transfer portal technology.
- 31. HIV Long-acting Injectable Treatment.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, HIV/STD Prevention, the Department of State Health Services shall allocate \$7,700,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,700,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to purchase HIV long-acting injectable treatment for Texas HIV Medication (THMP) participants for inclusion in the THMP formulary. It is the intent of the Legislature that to the extent federal funding is available, the Department of State Health Services shall utilize existing or future federal funding for that purpose.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated for the same purposes in the second fiscal year of the biennium.

- 32. Spay and Neuter Pilot Program - Public Health Focus.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, are \$4,000,000 in General Revenue fund appropriations fiscal year 2026 and \$4,000,000 in General Revenue fund appropriations fiscal year 2027 are designated for the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to implement a pilot program focused on protecting human health by reducing the population of cats and dogs at risk for unplanned breeding that may carry infectious diseases. The agency will oversee spay and neuter procedures.

The agency is also authorized to outsource sterilization efforts to qualified entities to ensure the most effective and humane methods are employed for the sterilization of dogs and cats. Such entities must have a long-standing history of providing cost effective large-scale spay and neuter services and demonstrate proven experience in successfully managing high quality, high volume spay and neuter services.

Additionally, licensed veterinarians may utilize nonsurgical methods and technologies approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture to humanely and permanently render a dog or cat unable to reproduce, in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 828.0045 of the Health and Safety Code, as part of the overall public health strategy.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated for the same purposes in the second fiscal year of the biennium.

**Reporting Requirements:**

- (a) **Quarterly Performance Reporting.** The outsourcing entity shall report quarterly to DSHS the number of procedures completed per quarter to maintain the agreement for continued outsourcing funding.
- (b) **Annual Reporting and Metrics.** DSHS shall submit an annual report by September 1 of each fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, detailing the following:
  - (1) number of animals treated and location;
  - (2) health outcomes, including disease prevention and control efforts;

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- (3) a budget report outlining the expenditure of allocated funds; and
- (4) strategies for program expansion and improvement.

**33. Unexpended Balances: Emergency Medical Services Extraordinary Emergencies Allocation.**

In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 780.004(b), any unexpended balances from the \$500,000 reserved for extraordinary emergencies from the General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111 remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

In accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 780.004(b), any unexpended balances from the \$500,000 reserved for extraordinary emergencies from the General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances from the \$500,000 reserve for extraordinary emergencies from General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111 from prior appropriations years (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**34. Unexpended Balance Authority.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Department of State Health Services are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**35. Whole Blood Pilot Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in Strategy B.2.1, EMS and Trauma Care Systems, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to establish a program to support Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies administering whole blood to patients in the field suffering from extreme blood loss due to trauma, maternal hemorrhage, or other significant medical conditions, in order to stabilize them for transport to the appropriate acute care hospital.

DSHS, in consultation with Regional Advisory Councils (RAC), shall determine the most cost-effective method to secure the required resources for EMS agencies to operate a whole blood pilot program.

DSHS shall define the structure, process, and funding distribution for the state-wide prehospital whole blood pilot program.

No later than November 1, 2026, DSHS shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and make publicly available a report with the status of the whole blood pilot program, including:

- (a) a listing of the entities that were awarded funding;
- (b) the amount awarded to each recipient;
- (c) the areas served grant funds;
- (d) any challenges identified with implementing the pilot program; and
- (e) reported outcomes of grant-funded activities.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated for the same purposes in the second fiscal year of the biennium.

**36. Sick Cell Guidance for Public Schools.** Out of funds appropriated to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in Strategy B.1.2, Children with Special Needs, the Sick Cell Task Force shall develop guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease by December 31, 2026. The guidelines shall include:

- (a) Procedures for educating clinical and non-clinical school personnel and individuals who work with students who are participating in school-related activities about symptoms of distress related to sickle cell disease;

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- (b) Protocols to ensure students with sickle cell disease receive care as determined by orders from the student's provider and school nurse's assessment during school and school-sponsored after-school activities; and
- (c) Any other issue pertaining to the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease.

DSHS shall work with the Texas Education Agency to implement the guidelines created by the Sickle Cell Task Force at independent school districts and charter schools in Texas.

- 37. HIV Vendor Drug Rebate Funding Loss Replacement.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, HIV/STD Prevention, is \$2,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to replace funding from the loss of HIV Vendor Drug Rebates and to maintain funding for the HIV Medication program at the 2024-25 biennium level.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated for the same purposes in the second fiscal year of the biennium.

- 38. Cost Analysis of Measles Outbreak.** Out of the funds appropriated above, the Department of State Health Services shall study and assess the direct and indirect economic costs incurred by the department and local public health organizations in responding to measles outbreaks that occurred in 2025. Not later than September 1, 2026, the department shall: (1) prepare all findings from the study; and (2) submit the findings to the relevant House and Senate committees.

- 39. Strategic National Stockpile for Health Emergency Preparedness and Response.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Department of State Health Services and to the extent federal funding is available for that purpose, the department, in coordination with the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response created under Subchapter J, Chapter 81, Health and Safety Code, may prepare and submit to the United States Department of Health and Human Services an application for a grant award under Section 319F-2, Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. Section 247d-6b), to establish, expand, or maintain a stockpile of appropriate medicines, medical devices, protective equipment, and other supplies determined necessary by this state to respond to a disaster declared by the governor or public health disaster or emergency declared by the commissioner of state health services under state law or a major disaster or emergency declared by the President of the United States under federal law.



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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,223,943,086	\$ 3,240,813,060
Medicaid Program Income Account No. 705	417,480,287	18,524,410
Vendor Drug Rebates—Medicaid Account No. 706	775,531,840	791,822,479
GR Match for Medicaid Account No. 758	13,337,292,964	14,026,368,186
Premium Co-Payments, Low Income Children Account No. 3643	3,096,780	3,105,222
GR for Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Account No. 8003	20,806,646	20,806,646
GR Match for Federal Funds (Older Americans Act) Account No. 8004	4,256,020	4,256,020
GR Match for Title XXI (CHIP) Account No. 8010	8,931,367	8,958,651
GR Match for SNAP Administration Account No. 8014	204,936,715	205,723,134
Tobacco Settlement Receipts Match for Medicaid Account No. 8024	148,000,000	148,000,000
Tobacco Settlement Receipts Match for CHIP Account No. 8025	154,150,992	153,623,665
GR Certified as Match for Medicaid Account No. 8032	415,764,337	416,554,121
Vendor Drug Rebates—Public Health Account No. 8046	6,048,000	6,048,000
Experience Rebates—CHIP Account No. 8054	51,547	64,634
Vendor Drug Rebates—CHIP Account No. 8070	2,081,005	2,469,552
Cost Sharing - Medicaid Clients Account No. 8075	100,596	102,650
Vendor Drug Rebates—Supplemental Rebates Account No. 8081	63,815,373	65,154,681
General Revenue for ECI Account No. 8086	48,514,227	52,110,944
Medicare Giveback Provision Account No. 8092	676,875,632	740,058,680
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 19,511,677,414	\$ 19,904,564,735
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Hospital Licensing Account No. 129	\$ 2,747,186	\$ 2,747,186
Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543	289,802	289,802
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	5,000,000	5,000,000
Home Health Services Account No. 5018	8,473,688	8,473,688
State Owned Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account No. 5049	439,443	439,443
Quality Assurance Account No. 5080	60,184,891	60,184,891
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Operating Account No. 5084	4,285,000	4,285,000
Medicaid Estate Recovery Account No. 5109	2,158,639	2,158,639
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 83,578,649	\$ 83,578,649
Federal Funds	\$ 26,979,306,498	\$ 27,434,862,112
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Freestanding Emergency Medical Care Facility Licensing Fund Account No. 373	\$ 1,208,667	\$ 1,208,667
Appropriated Receipts	81,701,302	81,114,292
State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts Account No. 707	325,610	325,610
Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements Account No. 709	69,245,724	69,245,724
Interagency Contracts	295,406,092	293,436,704
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	26,500	26,500
Interagency Contracts - Transfer from Foundation School Fund No. 193	16,498,102	16,498,102
MH Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance Account No. 8031	1,935,722	1,935,722
MH Appropriated Receipts Account No. 8033	10,905,149	10,905,149
Medicaid Subrogation Receipts (State Share) Account No. 8044	89,617,421	89,617,421
Universal Services Fund Reimbursements Account No. 8051	988,248	988,248
Subrogation Receipts Account No. 8052	5,000	5,000
Appropriated Receipts - Match for Medicaid Account No. 8062	77,415,828	77,415,828
ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance Account No. 8095	24,031,820	24,031,820
ID Appropriated Receipts Account No. 8096	634,054	634,054

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ID Revolving Fund Receipts Account No. 8098	80,779	80,779
WIC Rebates Account No. 8148	<u>250,000,000</u>	<u>250,000,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 920,026,018	\$ 917,469,620
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 47,494,588,579</u>	<u>\$ 48,340,475,116</u>
Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 3,609,403	\$ 3,609,547
This bill pattern represents an estimated 65.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	40,516.4	41,851.2
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Commissioner, Group 9	\$345,250	\$345,250
Texas Civil Commitment Office Executive Director, Group 7	240,000	240,000
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: MEDICAID CLIENT SERVICES		
Medicaid.		
A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAID CLIENT SERVICES	\$ 35,175,651,894	\$ 35,949,501,201
A.2.1. Strategy: HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES	1,646,623,298	1,663,471,650
Home and Community-based Services (HCS).		
A.2.2. Strategy: COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE (CLASS)	437,432,169	442,018,037
Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS).		
A.2.3. Strategy: DEAF-BLIND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES	21,139,189	20,240,202
Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities (DBMD).		
A.2.4. Strategy: TEXAS HOME LIVING WAIVER	112,096,254	113,623,272
A.2.5. Strategy: ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE - ELDERLY (PACE)	<u>44,370,380</u>	<u>44,370,349</u>
Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).		
Total, Goal A: MEDICAID CLIENT SERVICES	\$ 37,437,313,184	\$ 38,233,224,711
B. Goal: MEDICAID & CHIP SUPPORT		
Medicaid and CHIP Contracts and Administration.		
B.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAID & CHIP CONTRACTS & ADMIN	\$ 793,652,331	\$ 784,889,273
Medicaid and CHIP Contracts and Administration.		
C. Goal: CHIP CLIENT SERVICES		
Children's Health Insurance Program Services.		
C.1.1. Strategy: CHIP	\$ 561,113,747	\$ 559,974,540
CHIP, Perinatal Services, Prescription Drugs, And Dental Services.		
D. Goal: ADDITIONAL HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES		
Provide Additional Health-related Services.		
D.1.1. Strategy: WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 239,826,199	\$ 235,771,888
D.1.2. Strategy: THRIVING TEXAS FAMILIES PROGRAM	70,000,000	70,000,000
D.1.3. Strategy: ECI SERVICES	200,344,681	209,590,683
Early Childhood Intervention Services.		
D.1.4. Strategy: ECI RESPITE	400,000	400,000
Ensure ECI Respite Services.		
D.1.5. Strategy: CHILDREN'S BLINDNESS SERVICES	6,028,108	6,028,109
D.1.6. Strategy: AUTISM PROGRAM	6,831,542	6,831,542
D.1.7. Strategy: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS	24,462,336	24,462,336
Children with Special Health Care Needs.		
D.1.8. Strategy: TITLE V DNTL & HLTH SVCS	6,234,604	6,234,604
Title V Dental and Health Services.		
D.1.9. Strategy: KIDNEY HEALTH CARE	15,342,022	15,342,022

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<b>D.1.10. Strategy:</b> ADDITIONAL SPECIALTY CARE	22,957,777	17,957,776
<b>D.1.11. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY PRIMARY CARE SERVICES	11,912,408	11,912,408
<b>D.1.12. Strategy:</b> ABSTINENCE EDUCATION	6,000,000	6,000,000
<b>D.1.13. Strategy:</b> PRESCRIPTION DRUG SAVINGS PROGRAM	14,311,033	14,311,033
<b>D.1.14. Strategy:</b> PRIMARY HEALTH & SPECIALTY CARE ADM Primary Health And Specialty Care Administration.	28,422,076	28,422,076
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	720,368,528	720,368,528
<b>D.2.2. Strategy:</b> SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES Substance Use Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment.	250,036,582	250,036,582
<b>D.2.3. Strategy:</b> BEHAVIORAL HLTH WAIVER & AMENDMENT Behavioral Health Waiver and Plan Amendment.	41,695,069	42,139,682
<b>D.2.4. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PGMS Community Mental Health Grant Programs.	115,262,133	115,262,133
<b>D.2.5. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADM Community Behavioral Health Administration.	76,772,484	71,772,354
<b>D.3.1. Strategy:</b> INDIGENT HEALTH CARE REIMBURSEMENT Indigent Health Care Reimbursement (UTMB).	439,443	439,443
<b>D.3.2. Strategy:</b> COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH CARE SVCS County Indigent Health Care Services.	<u>642,796</u>	<u>642,796</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> ADDITIONAL HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES	\$ 1,858,289,821	\$ 1,853,925,995
<b>E. Goal:</b> ENCOURAGE SELF-SUFFICIENCY		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TANF (CASH ASSISTANCE) GRANTS Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Grants.	\$ 24,285,518	\$ 24,588,227
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> PROVIDE WIC SERVICES Provide WIC Services: Benefits, Nutrition Education & Counseling.	<u>1,258,971,311</u>	<u>1,283,969,278</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> ENCOURAGE SELF-SUFFICIENCY	\$ 1,283,256,829	\$ 1,308,557,505
<b>F. Goal:</b> COMMUNITY & IL SVCS & COORDINATION Community & Independent Living Services & Coordination.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> GUARDIANSHIP	\$ 10,127,787	\$ 10,127,787
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> NON-MEDICAID SERVICES	196,724,397	196,724,397
<b>F.1.3. Strategy:</b> NON-MEDICAID IDD COMMUNITY SVCS Non-Medicaid Developmental Disability Community Services.	57,589,535	57,589,535
<b>F.2.1. Strategy:</b> INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES	14,720,569	14,720,569
<b>F.2.2. Strategy:</b> BEST PROGRAM Blindness Education, Screening and Treatment (BEST) Program.	440,299	440,299
<b>F.2.3. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION (CRS) Provide Services and Advocacy to People with Brain Injuries.	23,582,950	23,587,871
<b>F.2.4. Strategy:</b> DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES Provide Services to Persons Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.	4,277,675	4,277,675
<b>F.3.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES	46,966,131	46,966,131
<b>F.3.2. Strategy:</b> CHILD ADVOCACY PROGRAMS	68,296,715	68,296,715
<b>F.3.3. Strategy:</b> ADDITIONAL ADVOCACY PROGRAMS	<u>26,159,914</u>	<u>26,154,993</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> COMMUNITY & IL SVCS & COORDINATION	\$ 448,885,972	\$ 448,885,972
<b>G. Goal:</b> FACILITIES Mental Health State Hospitals, SSLCs and Other Facilities.		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTERS	\$ 1,004,082,420	\$ 1,004,283,876
<b>G.2.1. Strategy:</b> MENTAL HEALTH STATE HOSPITALS	731,965,974	815,231,824

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<b>G.2.2. Strategy:</b> MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY HOSPITALS	371,615,011	429,631,697
<b>G.3.1. Strategy:</b> OTHER FACILITIES Other State Medical Facilities.	6,546,254	6,550,200
<b>G.4.1. Strategy:</b> FACILITY PROGRAM SUPPORT	14,729,109	14,744,010
<b>G.4.2. Strategy:</b> FACILITY CAPITAL REPAIRS & RENOV	<u>123,055,820</u>	<u>24,986,193</u>
Capital Repair and Renovation at SSLCs, State Hospitals, and Other.		
<b>Total, Goal G:</b> FACILITIES	\$ 2,251,994,588	\$ 2,295,427,800
<b>H. Goal:</b> REGULATORY SERVICES		
Regulatory, Licensing and Consumer Protection Services.		
<b>H.1.1. Strategy:</b> FACILITY/COMMUNITY-BASED REGULATION	\$ 167,418,828	\$ 167,883,415
Health Care Facilities & Community-based Regulation.		
<b>H.2.1. Strategy:</b> CHILD CARE REGULATION	69,579,348	68,406,291
<b>H.3.1. Strategy:</b> HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS & OTHER	3,758,380	3,529,448
Credentialing/Certification of Health Care Professionals & Others.		
<b>H.4.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	<u>43,711</u>	<u>43,711</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal H:</b> REGULATORY SERVICES	\$ 240,800,267	\$ 239,862,865
<b>I. Goal:</b> PGM ELG DETERMINATION & ENROLLMENT		
Program Eligibility Determination & Enrollment.		
<b>I.1.1. Strategy:</b> INTEGRATED ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT	\$ 958,802,712	\$ 956,288,407
Integrated Financial Eligibility and Enrollment (IEE).		
<b>I.2.1. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMIN & ACCESS	278,470,183	278,939,665
Administration, Coordination, and Local Access to Community Services.		
<b>I.3.1. Strategy:</b> TIERS & ELIGIBILITY SUPPORT TECH	117,846,178	117,742,990
Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System & Supporting Tech.		
<b>I.3.2. Strategy:</b> TIERS CAPITAL PROJECTS	<u>121,898,659</u>	<u>124,404,840</u>
Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System Capital Projects.		
<b>Total, Goal I:</b> PGM ELG DETERMINATION & ENROLLMENT	\$ 1,477,017,732	\$ 1,477,375,902
<b>J. Goal:</b> DISABILITY DETERMINATION		
Provide Disability Determination Services within SSA Guidelines.		
<b>J.1.1. Strategy:</b> DISABILITY DETERMINATION SVCS (DDS)	\$ 108,990,976	\$ 108,990,976
Determine Federal SSI and SSDI Eligibility.		
<b>K. Goal:</b> OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL		
<b>K.1.1. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL	\$ 74,927,966	\$ 73,151,329
<b>L. Goal:</b> SYSTEM OVERSIGHT & PROGRAM SUPPORT		
HHS Enterprise Oversight and Policy.		
<b>L.1.1. Strategy:</b> HHS SYSTEM SUPPORTS	\$ 182,697,045	\$ 182,247,107
Enterprise Oversight and Policy.		
<b>L.1.2. Strategy:</b> IT OVERSIGHT & PROGRAM SUPPORT	424,077,615	423,209,375
Information Technology Capital Projects Oversight & Program Support.		
<b>L.2.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	57,675,884	57,360,019
<b>L.2.2. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT	<u>113,035,001</u>	<u>110,659,674</u>
<b>Total, Goal L:</b> SYSTEM OVERSIGHT & PROGRAM SUPPORT	\$ 777,485,545	\$ 773,476,175

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<b>M. Goal: TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE</b>		
<b>M.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE Texas Civil Commitment Office Client Services.	\$ 31,148,664	\$ 33,014,196
<b>M.1.2. Strategy:</b> TCCO ADMINISTRATION Texas Civil Commitment Office Administration.	<u>1,805,672</u>	<u>1,812,592</u>
<b>Total, Goal M:</b> TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE	\$ 32,954,336	\$ 34,826,788
<b>N. Goal: TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL INITIATIVE</b>		
<b>N.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL INITIATIVE	\$ UB	\$ UB
<b>O. Goal: FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>O.1.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY AND YOUTH SUCCESS PROGRAM Family & Youth Success Program.	\$ 31,612,360	\$ 31,612,360
<b>O.1.2. Strategy:</b> CYD PROGRAM Community Youth Development (CYD) Program.	10,272,558	10,272,558
<b>O.1.3. Strategy:</b> CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GRANTS Provide Child Abuse Prevention Grants To Community-based Organizations.	5,171,470	5,171,470
<b>O.1.4. Strategy:</b> OTHER AT-RISK PREVENTION PROGRAMS Provide Funding For Other At-risk Prevention Programs.	41,843,771	41,843,771
<b>O.1.5. Strategy:</b> HOME VISITING PROGRAMS Maternal And Child Home Visiting Programs.	48,020,740	48,020,740
<b>O.1.6. Strategy:</b> FAMILY SUPPORT SVCS PROGRAM SUPPORT Provide Program Support For Family Support Services.	<u>10,984,386</u>	<u>10,984,386</u>
<b>Total, Goal O:</b> FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>\$ 147,905,285</u>	<u>\$ 147,905,285</u>
<b>Grand Total, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 47,494,588,579</u>	<u>\$ 48,340,475,116</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,703,919,778	\$ 2,788,149,172
Other Personnel Costs	65,175,983	65,179,858
Professional Fees and Services	1,924,388,895	1,865,598,474
Fuels and Lubricants	2,638,024	2,638,424
Consumable Supplies	23,474,496	23,474,196
Utilities	42,629,168	42,627,951
Travel	26,347,641	26,333,157
Rent - Building	96,523,678	96,523,678
Rent - Machine and Other	29,937,049	29,862,445
Other Operating Expense	499,101,592	492,652,385
Client Services	39,571,812,465	40,407,377,031
Food for Persons - Wards of State	23,971,426	23,971,426
Grants	2,351,019,494	2,440,880,914
Capital Expenditures	<u>133,648,890</u>	<u>35,206,005</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 47,494,588,579</u>	<u>\$ 48,340,475,116</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 218,485,200	\$ 228,290,592
Group Insurance	483,268,685	504,759,680
Social Security	191,077,646	199,114,365
Benefits Replacement	<u>476,684</u>	<u>387,544</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 893,308,215	\$ 932,552,181
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 14,166,805	\$ 12,922,219

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Lease Payments	<u>20,994,534</u>	<u>22,574,938</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 35,161,339</u>	<u>\$ 35,497,157</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 928,469,554</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 968,049,338</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Health and Human Services Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Health and Human Services Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: MEDICAID CLIENT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average Full Benefit Medicaid Recipient Months Per Month	4,149,745	4,189,335
Average Monthly Cost Per Full Benefit Medicaid Client (Includes Drug and LTC)	543.23	557.95
Number of Persons Enrolled at the End of the Fiscal Year: Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)	6,583	6,847
Number of Persons Enrolled at the End of the Fiscal Year: STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)	63,008	64,959
Average Number of Members Receiving Nursing Facility Care through Managed Care	50,450	51,062
Average Number of Individuals Enrolled Per Month: Medically Dependent Children Program	6,548	6,715
Number of Individuals Enrolled Per Month: STAR+PLUS Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)	62,094	64,074
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAID CLIENT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Aged and Medicare-Related Recipient Months Per Month	372,172	382,091
Average Disability-Related Recipient Months Per Month	377,301	384,506
Average Pregnant Women Recipient Months Per Month	266,465	269,022
Average Other Adult Recipient Months Per Month	125,647	125,963
Average Income-Eligible Children Recipient Months Per Month	2,985,881	3,005,093
Average STAR Health Foster Care Children Recipient Months Per Month	22,280	22,661
Average Texas Health Steps (EPSDT) Dental Recipient Months Per Month	3,110,283	3,145,582
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Community Attendant Services	65,642	66,163
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Primary Home Care	1,134	1,149
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Day Activity and Health Services	912	912
Average Number of Individuals Receiving Medicaid-funded Nursing Facility Services on a Fee-For-Service Basis Per Month	7,668	7,810
Average Number of Individuals Receiving Copaid Medicaid/Medicare Nursing Facility Services Per Month	910	910
Average Number of Individuals Receiving Hospice Services Per Month	7,650	7,713
Average Number of Persons in ICF/IID Medicaid Beds Per Month	3,589	3,434
Average Monthly Number of Non-citizens Receiving Emergency Services	51,510	51,510
Average Supplemental Medical Insurance Part B Recipient Months Per Month	658,760	679,765
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Aged and Medicare-Related Cost Per Recipient Month	1,356.25	1,398.89
Average Disability-Related Cost Per Recipient Month	1,640.77	1,693.11
Average Pregnant Women Cost Per Recipient Month	432.06	432.09
Average Other Adult Cost Per Recipient Month	387.86	393.57
Average Income-Eligible Children Cost Per Recipient Month	213.14	216.11
Average STAR Health Foster Care Children Cost Per Recipient Month	1,102.91	1,102.91
Average Cost Per Medicaid Recipient Month for Prescription Drugs	69.79	70.37

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Average Cost Per Texas Health Steps (EPSDT) Dental Recipient Month	27.98	27.98
Average Nonemergency Transportation (NEMT) Cost Per Recipient Month	3.97	3.97
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Community Attendant Services	1,404.48	1,432.28
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Primary Home Care	1,430.78	1,469.82
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Day Activity and Health Services	600.92	604.78
Net Cost Per Medicaid Resident Receiving Nursing Facility Services on a Fee-For-Service Basis Per Month	4,680.36	4,680.36
Net Payment Per Individual Receiving Copaid Medicaid/Medicare Nursing Facility Services Per Month	3,073.54	3,073.54
Average Net Payment Per Individual Per Month for Hospice	3,632.69	3,626.82
Monthly Cost Per ICF/IID Medicaid Eligible Individual	5,079.86	5,078.47
Average Emergency Services for Non-citizens Cost Per Recipient Month	550.14	550.14
Average Part B Premium Per Month	183.29	183.29
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Home and Community Based Services (HCS)	30,702	31,047
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Home and Community Based Services (HCS)	3,916.12	3,916.12
Average Monthly Cost per Individual Served: Home and Community - Based Services Residential	6,218.26	6,218.26
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Home and Community - Based Services Non-Residential	2,987.48	2,987.48
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Individuals Receiving Services at the End of the Fiscal Year: Home and Community Based Services (HCS)	30,874	31,219
Percent of Home and Community-based Services Recipients Receiving Residential Services	28.74%	28.74%
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE (CLASS)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Community Living Assistance & Support Services Waiver (CLASS)	6,394	6,467
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Community Living Assistance & Support Services Waiver (CLASS)	4,921.43	4,921.43
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Persons Receiving Services at the End of the Fiscal Year: Community Living Assistance & Support Services Waiver (CLASS)	6,430	6,503
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: DEAF-BLIND MULTIPLE DISABILITIES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Medicaid Deaf-blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver	257	253
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Medicaid Deaf-blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver	6,394.14	6,394.14
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Persons Receiving Services at the End of the Fiscal Year: Medicaid Deaf-blind with Multiple Disabilities Waiver	258	247
<b>A.2.4. Strategy: TEXAS HOME LIVING WAIVER</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Texas Home Living Waiver	3,149	3,190
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual Served: Texas Home Living Waiver	2,507.27	2,507.27
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Individuals Receiving Services at the End of the Fiscal Year: Texas Home Living Waiver	3,166	3,214
<b>A.2.5. Strategy: ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE - ELDERLY (PACE)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Recipients Per Month: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	1,153	1,153

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<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Recipient: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	3,206.41	3,206.41
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Persons Receiving Services at the End of the Fiscal Year: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)	1,153	1,153
<b>C. Goal: CHIP CLIENT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average CHIP Programs Recipient Months Per Month (Includes All CHIP Programs)	191,573	191,647
Average CHIP Programs Benefit Cost with Prescription Benefit Per Recipient Month (Includes All CHIP Programs)	250.74	257.14
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CHIP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average CHIP Children Recipient Months Per Month	166,019	166,472
Average Perinatal Recipient Months Per Month	25,554	25,175
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average CHIP Children Benefit Cost Per Recipient Month	153.94	159.89
Average Perinatal Benefit Cost Per Recipient Month	458.59	459.08
Average Cost Per CHIP Recipient Month: Pharmacy Benefit	37.41	39.15
Average Monthly Cost of the Dental Benefit Per CHIP Program Recipient	21.63	21.63
<b>D. Goal: ADDITIONAL HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Adults Receiving Community Mental Health Services Whose Functional Level Improved	51%	51%
Percent of Children Receiving Community Mental Health Services Whose Functional Level Improved	50%	50%
Percent of Persons Receiving Crisis Services Who Avoid Psychiatric Hospitalization within 30 Days	97%	97%
Percent of Adults Who Complete Treatment Programs and Report No Past Month Substance Use at Follow-up	90%	90%
Percent of Youth Who Complete Treatment Programs and Report No Past Month Substance Use at Follow-up	92%	92%
Percent of Adults Admitted for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment	70%	70%
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Family Planning Clients Receiving Services	19,245	19,476
Average Monthly Number of Women Receiving HTW Services	26,796	26,939
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Healthy Texas Women Client Receiving Services	186.08	186.12
Average Monthly Cost Per Family Planning Client Receiving Services	185	191.26
<b>D.1.2. Strategy: THRIVING TEXAS FAMILIES PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Persons Receiving Pregnancy Support Services through Thriving Texas Families	137,276	137,276
<b>D.1.3. Strategy: ECI SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Children Served in Comprehensive Services	37,832	39,100
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Child: Comprehensive Services/State and Federal Expenditures	440.54	440.54
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Hours of Service Delivered Per Child Per Month	2.32	2.32
<b>D.1.5. Strategy: CHILDREN'S BLINDNESS SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Blindness Services	3,026	3,026
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Child: Children's Blindness Services	184	184
<b>D.1.6. Strategy: AUTISM PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Focused Autism Services	625	625



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<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Annual Cost Per Child Receiving Focused Autism Services	6,000	6,000
<b>D.1.7. Strategy: CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Clients Receiving Services	900	900
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Clients Receiving Services	2,400	2,400
<b>D.1.8. Strategy: TITLE V DNTL &amp; HLTH SVCS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Infants <1 and Children Age 1-21 Years Provided Dental and Child Health Services by the Maternal and Child Health Program	32,000	32,000
Number of Women over 21 Provided Services by the Maternal and Child Health Program (Title V)	4,300	4,300
<b>D.1.9. Strategy: KIDNEY HEALTH CARE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Kidney Health Clients Provided Services	11,500	11,500
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Annual Cost Per Kidney Health Care Client	600	600
<b>D.1.12. Strategy: ABSTINENCE EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Persons Served in Abstinence Education Programs	30,000	30,000
<b>D.2.1. Strategy: COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Adults Receiving Community Mental Health Services	96,500	96,500
Average Monthly Number of Children Receiving Community Mental Health Services	28,800	28,800
Number of Persons Receiving Crisis Residential Services Per Year Funded by GR	20,000	20,000
Number of Persons Receiving Crisis Outpatient Services Per Year Funded by GR	85,000	85,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Adult Receiving Community Mental Health Services	543	543
Average Monthly Cost Per Child Receiving Community Mental Health Services	487	487
Average Amount of GR Spent Per Person for Crisis Residential Services	3,425	3,425
Average Amount of GR Spent Per Person for Crisis Outpatient Services	490	490
<b>D.2.2. Strategy: SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Youth Served in Substance Use Prevention Programs	99,400	99,400
Average Monthly Number of Youth Served in Treatment Programs for Substance Use	724	736
Average Monthly Number of Adults Served in Treatment Programs for Substance Use	11,400	11,400
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Youth for Substance Use Prevention Services	25	25
Average Monthly Cost Per Adult Served in Treatment Programs for Substance Use	800	800
Average Monthly Cost Per Youth Served in Treatment Programs for Substance Use	886	886
<b>D.2.3. Strategy: BEHAVIORAL HLTH WAIVER &amp; AMENDMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Clients Served in the Home and Community-based Services - Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) Program	386	393
Average Monthly Number of Clients Served in the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver	648	641
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Client Served in the Home and Community-Based Services - Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) Program	6,481.27	6,661.28
Average Monthly Cost Per Client Served in the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver	776.07	792.73

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<b>E. Goal: ENCOURAGE SELF-SUFFICIENCY</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy: TANF (CASH ASSISTANCE) GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of TANF Basic Cash Assistance Recipients Per Month	18,429	18,429
Average Number of State Two-Parent Cash Assistance Program Recipients Per Month	753	753
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Grant: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Basic Cash Assistance	100.23	101.53
Average Monthly Grant: State Two-Parent Cash Assistance Program	101.09	102.71
<b>E.1.2. Strategy: PROVIDE WIC SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of WIC Participants Provided Nutritious Supplemental Food	796,000	796,000
<b>F. Goal: COMMUNITY &amp; IL SVCS &amp; COORDINATION</b>		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy: GUARDIANSHIP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Wards Receiving Guardianship Services	830	830
<b>F.1.2. Strategy: NON-MEDICAID SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Individuals Served Per Month: Non Medicaid Community Care (XX/GR)	39,000	39,000
<b>F.1.3. Strategy: NON-MEDICAID IDD COMMUNITY SVCS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Receiving Community Services	5,100	5,100
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per Individual with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Receiving Community Services	676.04	676.04
<b>F.2.1. Strategy: INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of People Active with Core Services Plan from a Center for Independent Living	4,400	4,400
Number of People Active with Purchased Services Plan from a Center for Independent Living	2,400	2,400
<b>F.2.3. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION (CRS)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of People Receiving Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services	361	361
<b>F.2.4. Strategy: DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Equipment/Service Vouchers Issued	25,000	25,000
<b>G. Goal: FACILITIES</b>		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy: STATE SUPPORTED LIVING CENTERS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of State Supported Living Center Campus Residents	2,533	2,571
Number of Unfounded Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Allegations Against State Supported Living Center Staff As Reported by Victims	1,900	1,900
Number of Confirmed Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Incidents at State Supported Living Centers	120	120
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Cost Per State Supported Living Center or State Center Resident	33,033.37	32,551.66
<b>G.2.1. Strategy: MENTAL HEALTH STATE HOSPITALS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Census of State Mental Health Facilities	2,417	2,388
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Daily Facility Cost Per Occupied State Mental Health Facility Bed	875	875
<b>G.2.2. Strategy: MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY HOSPITALS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Number of Occupied Community Mental Health Hospital Beds	229	229

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Average Daily Number of Occupied Private Psychiatric Beds	529.1	529.1
Average Daily Number of Occupied Contracted State Hospital Beds	478	722
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Daily Cost Per Occupied Community Mental Health Hospital Bed	773.87	800
Average Daily Cost Per Occupied Private Psychiatric Bed	792.32	792.32
Average Daily Cost Per Occupied Contracted State Hospital Bed	769.76	702.51
<b>H. Goal: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>H.1.1. Strategy: FACILITY/COMMUNITY-BASED REGULATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Long-Term Care Regulation Licenses Issued	6,972	6,972
Number of Long-Term Care Regulation Contacts	27,161	27,161
Number of Health Care Regulation Licenses Issued	399	418
Number of Health Care Regulation Contacts	1,199	1,258
<b>H.2.1. Strategy: CHILD CARE REGULATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Child Care Facility Inspections	34,908	34,967
Number of Completed Non-Abuse/Neglect Investigations	15,154	15,371
Number of Child Care Regulatory Permits Issued	12,077	12,319
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Day Care Caseload Per Monitoring Worker	80.5	81.1
Average Monthly Residential Caseload Per Monitoring Worker	20.2	20.6
<b>H.3.1. Strategy: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS &amp; OTHER</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Long-Term Care Regulation Individuals Licensed, Permitted, Certified, Registered, Documented, or Placed on a Registry	70,132	70,132
Number of Enforcement Investigations/Referrals Completed	861	968
Number of Health Care Regulation Individuals Licensed, Permitted, Certified, Registered, Documented, or Placed on a Registry	1,001	1,051
Number of Health Care Investigations Completed	3	4
<b>I. Goal: PGM ELG DETERMINATION &amp; ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>I.1.1. Strategy: INTEGRATED ELIGIBILITY &amp; ENROLLMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Eligibility Determinations	875,000	875,000
<b>I.2.1. Strategy: COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMIN &amp; ACCESS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Number of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Receiving Assessment and Service Coordination Including Home and Community Based Services	35,429	35,429
<b>J. Goal: DISABILITY DETERMINATION</b>		
<b>J.1.1. Strategy: DISABILITY DETERMINATION SVCS (DDS)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Disability Cases Determined	214,950	214,950
<b>K. Goal: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>		
<b>K.1.1. Strategy: OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Medicaid Provider and Recipient Investigations Completed	15,059	15,059
Number of Audits and Reviews Performed	38	38
Total Dollars Recovered (Millions)	393	393
Total Amount of Medicaid Overpayments Recovered in Collaboration with Special Investigation Units Operated by Managed Care Organization Units	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>M. Goal: TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE</b>		
<b>M.1.1. Strategy: TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Sex Offenders Provided Treatment and Supervision	602	637

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<b>O. Goal: FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>O.1.1. Strategy: FAMILY AND YOUTH SUCCESS PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of FAYS Youth Served Per Fiscal Year	21,940	21,940
<b>O.1.2. Strategy: CYD PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of CYD Youth Served Per Fiscal Year	18,360	18,360
<b>O.1.5. Strategy: HOME VISITING PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Texas Home Visiting Families Served Per Fiscal Year	7,046	7,046
Number of Families Receiving Texas Nurse Family Partnership Services Per Fiscal Year	3,270	3,270

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in the provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Equipment Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Facilities Repair and Renovations - State Supported Living Centers and State Hospitals	\$ 352,186	\$ 352,186
(2) Health and Specialty Care System Facility Infrastructure	98,000,000	0
(3) Southeast Texas Facility	6,000,000	6,000,000
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 104,352,186	\$ 6,352,186
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Seat Management Services (PCs, Laptops, & Servers)	\$ 20,075,153	\$ 19,998,273
(2) Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System	121,898,659	124,404,840
(3) Network, Performance and Capacity	6,561,400	6,561,400
(4) MMIS - Medicaid Management Information System	40,808,449	38,085,398
(5) Infrastructure Maintenance at SSLCs to support Electronic Health Records	500,000	500,000
(6) WIC Stateside and WIC Field Hardware/Software Refresh	675,000	675,000
(7) Information Technology - Mental Health	869,249	869,249
(8) Business Process Redesign	2,116,317	2,132,128
(9) Medicaid Fraud Detection System	2,500,000	2,500,000
(10) System-Wide Business Enablement Platform	1,278,627	1,278,627
(11) WIC EBT Online Transition	72,000,000	19,300,000
(12) Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Modernization	232,879,438	241,115,330
(13) Procurement and Contracting Modernization	986,517	986,517
(14) Hosted Faxing Solution	4,179,046	4,410,946
(15) Improving Health Outcomes for Pregnant Women	85,261	85,261
(16) Mental Health and Behavior Health Reporting Application	7,274,586	2,600,372
(17) SB 1849 Implementation (SEMARC)	2,585,354	0
(18) TULIP Licensing, Credentialing, and Permitting Enhancements (TLCP)	5,950,443	5,955,497
(19) Grants Management System	5,030,574	5,061,376
(20) HHS Legacy Analytics Modernization	6,111,409	6,112,504
(21) Identity Access Management Enhancements Phase II	8,675,454	5,574,053

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(22) TULIP Stabilization and Automated Testing	7,011,021	7,011,021
(23) OIG System Improvements	<u>2,479,537</u>	<u>1,162,074</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 552,531,494	\$ 496,379,866
c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Improve Security Infrastructure for Regional HHS Facilities	\$ 1,967,896	\$ 0
(2) Facility Equipment Purchases - SSLCs and State Hospitals	5,107,000	5,107,000
(3) Regional Laundry Equipment	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ 8,074,896	\$ 6,107,000
d. Other Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP)		
(1) Lease Payments to MLPP - Deferred Maintenance	\$ 18,703,634	\$ 18,634,007
e. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 114,377,068	\$ 115,848,378
f. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) CAPPS Financials Ongoing Operations	\$ 10,455,647	\$ 10,455,647
(2) Enterprise Resource Planning	<u>9,036,428</u>	<u>9,036,428</u>
Total, Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)	\$ 19,492,075	\$ 19,492,075
g. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity Advancement for HHS Enterprise	\$ 1,523,500	\$ 1,523,500
(2) Cybersecurity Compliance and Operations Monitoring	<u>7,865,265</u>	<u>7,229,065</u>
Total, Cybersecurity	<u>\$ 9,388,765</u>	<u>\$ 8,752,565</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 826,920,118</u>	<u>\$ 671,566,077</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 232,229,729	\$ 126,674,258
GR Match for Medicaid Account No. 758	83,325,850	87,029,744
GR Match for Title XXI (CHIP) Account No. 8010	1,301,550	1,304,386
GR Match for SNAP Administration Account No. 8014	35,013,477	35,201,162
GR Certified as Match for Medicaid Account No. 8032	<u>2,796,330</u>	<u>2,776,763</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 354,666,936	\$ 252,986,313
GR Dedicated - Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543	\$ 289,802	\$ 289,802
Federal Funds	\$ 455,560,404	\$ 402,993,505
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 80,038	\$ 80,554
Interagency Contracts	<u>16,322,938</u>	<u>15,215,903</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 16,402,976</u>	<u>\$ 15,296,457</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 826,920,118</u>	<u>\$ 671,566,077</u>

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- 3. Informational Listing: Medicaid Client Services.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. Appropriations above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, include the following and are adjusted for cost containment initiatives:
- (a) **Aged and Medicare-Related:** \$2,434,617,500 from the General Revenue Fund and \$3,768,774,724 from Federal Funds (\$6,203,392,224 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,512,130,267 from the General Revenue Fund and \$3,885,212,564 from Federal Funds (\$6,397,342,831 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (b) **Disability-Related:** \$3,266,042,878 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,982,142,499 from Federal Funds (\$8,248,185,377 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,359,273,371 from the General Revenue Fund and \$5,116,576,796 from Federal Funds (\$8,475,850,167 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (c) **Pregnant Women:** \$546,607,188 from the General Revenue Fund and \$829,957,187 from Federal Funds (\$1,376,564,375 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$552,547,005 from the General Revenue Fund and \$837,164,164 from Federal Funds (\$1,389,711,169 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (d) **Other Adults:** \$245,608,990 from the General Revenue Fund and \$414,880,656 from Federal Funds (\$660,489,646 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$249,350,240 from the General Revenue Fund and \$422,827,408 from Federal Funds (\$672,177,648 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (e) **Children:** \$2,864,907,255 from the General Revenue Fund, \$4,686,065,132 from Federal Funds, and \$209,802,862 from Other Funds (\$7,760,775,249 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,885,072,592 from the General Revenue Fund, \$4,706,877,237 from Federal Funds, and \$209,802,863 from Other Funds (\$7,801,752,692 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (f) **Medicaid Prescription Drugs:** \$1,452,207,016 from the General Revenue Fund and \$2,194,432,646 from Federal Funds (\$3,646,639,662 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,482,517,808 from the General Revenue Fund and \$2,235,785,725 from Federal Funds (\$3,718,303,533 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (g) **Health Steps (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) Dental:** \$375,682,027 from the General Revenue Fund and \$647,146,046 from Federal Funds (\$1,022,828,073 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$380,535,967 from the General Revenue Fund and \$654,042,470 from Federal Funds (\$1,034,578,437 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (h) **Medical Transportation:** \$73,396,303 from the General Revenue Fund and \$113,094,253 from Federal Funds (\$186,490,556 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$74,382,073 from the General Revenue Fund and \$114,363,818 from Federal Funds (\$188,745,891 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (i) **Community Attendant Services:** \$537,267,264 from the General Revenue Fund, \$2,158,639 from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, and \$813,743,507 from Federal Funds (\$1,353,169,410 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$554,993,247 from the General Revenue Fund, \$2,158,639 from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, and \$839,079,149 from Federal Funds (\$1,396,231,035 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (j) **Primary Home Care:** \$9,411,717 from the General Revenue Fund and \$14,191,315 from Federal Funds (\$23,603,032 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,821,748 from the General Revenue Fund and \$14,783,056 from Federal Funds (\$24,604,804 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (k) **Day Activity & Health Services:** \$13,290,319 from the General Revenue Fund and \$20,772,504 from Federal Funds (\$34,062,823 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,884,758 from the General Revenue Fund and \$21,685,535 from Federal Funds (\$35,570,293 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;

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- (l) **Nursing Facility Payments:** \$186,707,654 from the General Revenue Fund and \$275,488,987 from Federal Funds (\$462,196,641 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$198,036,234 from the General Revenue Fund and \$291,790,366 from Federal Funds (\$489,826,600 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (m) **Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility:** \$18,854,755 from the General Revenue Fund and \$28,149,863 from Federal Funds (\$47,004,618 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$20,130,138 from the General Revenue Fund and \$29,992,228 from Federal Funds (\$50,122,366 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (n) **Hospice:** \$133,602,025 from the General Revenue Fund and \$199,488,907 from Federal Funds (\$333,090,932 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$134,708,862 from the General Revenue Fund and \$200,704,982 from Federal Funds (\$335,413,844 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (o) **Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities:** \$36,576,052 from the General Revenue Fund, \$60,184,891 from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, and \$143,447,139 from Federal Funds (\$240,208,082 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$32,873,815 from the General Revenue Fund, \$60,184,891 from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds, and \$137,670,941 from Federal Funds (\$230,729,647 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (p) **School Health and Related Services:** \$204,270,550 from Federal Funds (\$204,270,550 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$204,796,669 from Federal Funds (\$204,796,669 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (q) **Emergency Services:** \$67,066,986 from the General Revenue Fund, \$201,550,807 from Federal Funds, and \$69,245,724 from Other Funds (\$337,863,517 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$67,591,330 from the General Revenue Fund, \$201,889,763 from Federal Funds, and \$69,245,724 from Other Funds (\$338,726,817 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (r) **Graduate Medical Education:** \$55,356,298 from Federal Funds and \$37,800,836 from Other Funds (\$93,157,134 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$55,235,925 from Federal Funds and \$37,800,836 from Other Funds (\$93,036,761 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (s) **Newborn Screening:** \$35,864,012 from the General Revenue Fund and \$53,550,836 from Federal Funds (\$89,414,848 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$36,002,904 from the General Revenue Fund and \$53,641,327 from Federal Funds (\$89,644,231 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (t) **Other Medicaid Client Services:** \$139,998,389 from the General Revenue Fund and \$209,040,496 from Federal Funds (\$349,038,885 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$146,863,058 from the General Revenue Fund and \$218,813,721 from Federal Funds (\$365,676,779 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027; and
  - (u) **Medicare Payments:** \$1,401,622,577 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,101,583,683 from Federal Funds (\$2,503,206,260 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,485,213,967 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,131,445,020 from Federal Funds (\$2,616,658,987 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027.
- 4. Cash Basis Expenditures Authorization.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission may expend Medicaid appropriations in all Strategies in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, Strategy D.1.3, ECI Services, and Strategy D.2.3, Behavioral Hlth Waiver & Amendment, in each fiscal year without regard to date of service. The authorization is limited to expenditures in all Strategies in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, Strategy D.1.3, ECI Services, and Strategy D.2.3, Behavioral Hlth Waiver & Amendment, for claims payments, premiums, cost settlements and other related expenses for Medicaid client services.
- 5. Graduate Medical Education.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may expend Appropriated Receipts - Match for Medicaid No. 8062 and matching Medicaid Federal Funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, for Graduate Medical Education (GME) payments to state-owned teaching hospitals, contingent upon receipt of allowable funds

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from state-owned teaching hospitals to be used as the non-federal share for Medicaid GME. Transfers from state-owned teaching hospitals deposited as Appropriated Receipts - Match for Medicaid No. 8062 and expended in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, shall be the only source of funds used for the non-federal share for Medicaid GME payments for state-owned teaching hospitals, and HHSC shall develop a payment methodology for Medicaid GME payments to state-owned teaching hospitals.

- 6. Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES).** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission shall maintain an Executive Steering Committee for the contracts supporting the Texas Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) and MMIS Modernization capital projects. The Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES) Executive Steering Committee shall provide executive-level strategic direction and commitment to the MES contracts and MMIS projects. Strategic direction includes, but is not limited to, review of contract terms prior to execution of a new contract or amendment and reports from third-party quality assurance and independent verification and validation vendors. The Executive Commissioner or his or her designee shall chair the MES Executive Steering Committee. Membership of the MES Executive Steering Committee shall include similar executive level representatives, including the Chief Financial Officer, Information Resource Manager, technology sponsors, project managers, project contractors, staff of the Legislative Budget Board, and members of the Quality Assurance Team or their designee.

In addition, the MES Executive Steering Committee shall report any anticipated contract or project cost over-runs or delays to the Legislative Budget Board.

- 7. Data Analysis Unit Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission shall report to the Legislative Budget Board on an annual basis by December 1 of each year the activities and findings of the Data Analysis Unit established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0082. Additionally, any anomalies identified related to service utilization, providers, payment methodologies, and compliance with requirements in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program shall be reported to the Office of the Inspector General for further review.
- 8. Hospital Payments.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, is \$132,496,793 from the General Revenue Fund, \$83,286,919 from Interagency Contracts, and \$315,965,210 from Federal Funds (\$531,748,922 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$135,279,199 from the General Revenue Fund, \$83,286,918 from Interagency Contracts, and \$319,376,577 from Federal Funds (\$537,942,694 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 to provide Medicaid hospital add-on payments for trauma care and safety-net hospitals and add-on payments and rate increases for rural hospitals as follows:
- (a) \$73,044,000 from Interagency Contracts and \$106,956,000 from Federal Funds (\$180,000,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$73,134,000 from Interagency Contracts and \$106,866,000 from Federal Funds (\$180,000,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for trauma care;
  - (b) \$53,786,120 from the General Revenue Fund, \$7,083,880 from Interagency Contracts, and \$89,130,000 from Federal Funds (\$150,000,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$53,951,120 from the General Revenue Fund, \$6,993,880 from Interagency Contracts, and \$89,055,000 from Federal Funds (\$150,000,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for safety-net hospitals;
  - (c) \$26,945,120 from the General Revenue Fund and \$39,454,880 from Federal Funds (\$66,400,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$26,978,320 from the General Revenue Fund and \$39,421,680 from Federal Funds (\$66,400,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for rural hospitals to maintain increases and add-ons related to general outpatient reimbursement rates, outpatient emergency department services that do not qualify as emergency visits, the outpatient hospital imaging services fee schedule, and the outpatient clinical laboratory services fee schedule;
  - (d) \$11,849,360 from the General Revenue Fund and \$17,350,640 from Federal Funds (\$29,200,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,611,050 from the General Revenue Fund and \$19,888,950 from Federal Funds (\$33,500,000 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for rural hospitals to maintain inpatient rates trended forward from 2013 to 2020 using an inflationary factor;



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- (e) \$5,541,749 from the General Revenue Fund and \$8,114,607 from Federal Funds (\$13,656,356 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,723,199 from the General Revenue Fund and \$8,362,941 from Federal Funds (\$14,086,140 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for rural hospitals to maintain increases to inpatient rates in addition to those identified in Subsection (d);
- (f) \$24,753,594 from the General Revenue Fund and \$36,245,899 from Federal Funds (\$60,999,493 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$25,378,912 from the General Revenue Fund and \$37,084,569 from Federal Funds (\$62,463,481 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 to maintain increases in reimbursement for Medicaid services provided by rural hospitals; and
- (g) \$12,779,889 from the General Revenue Fund and \$18,713,184 from Federal Funds (\$31,493,073 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,795,636 from the General Revenue Fund and \$18,697,437 from Federal Funds (\$31,493,073 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for HHSC to maintain a \$1,500 Medicaid add-on payment for labor and delivery services provided by rural hospitals.

HHSC shall develop a methodology to implement the add-on payments pursuant to funding identified in Subsection (b) that targets the state's safety-net hospitals, including those hospitals that treat high percentages of Medicaid and low-income, uninsured patients. Total reimbursement for each hospital shall not exceed its hospital specific limit.

For purposes of Subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g), rural hospitals are defined as (1) hospitals located in a county with 68,750 or fewer persons according to the 2020 U.S. Census; or (2) a hospital designated by Medicare as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), a Sole Community Hospital (SCH), or a Rural Referral Center (RRC) that is not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); or (3) a hospital that has 100 or fewer beds, is designated by Medicare as a CAH, a SCH, or a RRC, and is located in an MSA. No reimbursement may exceed the hospital specific limit and reimbursement for outpatient emergency department services that do not qualify as emergency visits may not exceed 65 percent of cost.

To the extent possible, HHSC shall ensure any funds identified in this rider that are included in Medicaid managed care capitation rates are distributed by the managed care organizations to the hospitals. The expenditure of funds identified in this rider that are not used for targeted increases to hospital provider rates as outlined above shall require the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

**9. Increase Consumer Directed Services.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall educate STAR+PLUS home and community-based services consumers about the Consumer Directed Services (CDS) option, and seek to increase the percentage of clients who choose CDS. HHSC shall collect information annually from each Managed Care Organization on the percent of clients enrolled in CDS and shall establish incremental benchmarks for improvement. HHSC shall include this information on the commission's website.

**10. Medicaid Therapy Services Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall report on an annual basis to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board, the following information related to pediatric acute care therapy services (including physical, occupational, and speech therapies) by service delivery area and information regarding whether the items below negatively affect access to care:

- (a) Provider and member complaints by disposition received by the Office of the Ombudsman and HHSC Health Plan Management;
- (b) Provider and member complaints by disposition reported by Medicaid Managed Care Organizations using a standard definition of complaint as defined by HHSC;
- (c) Provider and member appeals by disposition received by HHSC Health Plan Management, and resolution of the appeals;

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- (d) The number of pediatric acute care therapy provider terminations and the reason for identified terminations;
- (e) The utilization of pediatric acute care therapy services by therapy type and provider type;
- (f) The number of members on a waiting list, defined as 1) those who have been referred to a provider or Medicaid Managed Care Organization, but there is not a treating therapist to perform an initial assessment, and 2) those who have been assessed, but are unable to access pediatric acute care therapy services due to insufficient network capacity; and
- (g) The number of pediatric acute care therapy providers no longer accepting new clients and the reason for identified panel closures.

HHSC shall ensure standardized collection of data to obtain all data used in the report. HHSC shall develop a process for pediatric therapy providers to submit data directly to HHSC for items (f) and (g), using feedback obtained from relevant stakeholders. HHSC shall post quarterly the pediatric therapy waitlist data under subsection (f) on their website in a location that is easily accessible to the public.

### 11. Medically Dependent Children Program and Youth Empowerment Services Waivers.

Appropriations above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, include funding for Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP) waiver services and Youth Empowerment Services (YES) waiver services for clients enrolled in the STAR Kids program. These appropriations may not be construed as creating an entitlement to waiver services.

### 12. Nursing Home Program Provisions.

- (a) **Tending Home Income Eligibility Cap.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the income eligibility cap for nursing home care shall be maintained at the federal maximum level of 300 percent of Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- (b) **Nursing Home Bed Capacity Planning.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission shall control the number of Medicaid beds, decertify unused Medicaid beds, and reallocate some or all of the decertified Medicaid beds, taking into account a facility's occupancy rate.

### 13. Waiver Program Cost Limits.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, for the Medically Dependent Children Program, Community Living Assistance and Support Services, Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities, Home and Community-based Services, and STAR+PLUS Home and Community-Based Services waivers, and subject to the terms of Subsection (3) below, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may use General Revenue Funds to pay for services if:
  - (1) the cost of such services exceeds the individual cost limit;
  - (2) federal financial participation is not available to pay for such services; and
  - (3) HHSC determines that:
    - (A) the person's health and safety cannot be protected by the services provided within the individual cost limit established for the program; and
    - (B) there is no other available living arrangement in which the person's health and safety can be protected at that time, as evidenced by:
      - (i) an assessment conducted by clinical staff of HHSC; and
      - (ii) supporting documentation, including the person's medical and service records.
- (b) Out of funds appropriated above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, for the waiver programs identified in Subsection (a) above, and subject to the terms of Subsection (c) below, HHSC may use General Revenue Funds to continue to provide services to a person

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who was receiving medical assistance waiver program services on September 1, 2005, at a cost that exceeded the individual cost limit specified in the medical assistance waiver program if:

- (1) federal financial participation is not available to pay for such services; and
  - (2) continuation of those services is necessary for the person to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of the person.
- (c) Authority provided in this rider is contingent upon HHSC submitting a report in writing to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor by October 1 of the second fiscal year of the biennium. The report shall include, by program, the number of clients who exceed cost limits and the unmatched General Revenue Fund appropriations associated with each by fiscal year.

**14. Supplemental Payment Programs Reporting and Appropriation Authority for Intergovernmental Transfers.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor certain financial and expenditure information regarding supplemental payment programs, including the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program, the Uncompensated Care (UC) Pool, the Public Health Providers Charity Care Pool (PHP-CCP), and other state directed payment programs, supplemental, or other payments where the source of the non-federal share is intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) or certified public expenditures (CPEs), and any successor programs.

(a) HHSC shall report quarterly:

- (1) Prospective payment estimates, aligning estimated payments reporting with the CMS-37. The report will include a prospective certification that the requisite matching state and local funds are, or will be, available for the certified quarter. The quarterly financial report provides a statement of the state's Medicaid funding requirements for a certified quarter through summary data by each program; and
- (2) Expenditures made in the previous quarter, aligning expenditure reporting with the CMS-64. The report will include actual expenditures allowable under state and federal requirements. HHSC will report the recipients of all funds distributed by the commission for all supplemental payment programs. The report shall include:
  - (A) the recipients of funds by program;
  - (B) the amount distributed to each recipient; and
  - (C) the date such payments were made.

(b) HHSC shall report annually:

- (1) Information on all mandatory payments to a Local Provider Participation Fund (LPPF) and all uses for such payments, including the amount of funds from an LPPF for each particular use;
  - (2) The total amount of IGTs used to support Medicaid;
  - (3) The total amount of CPEs used to support Medicaid;
  - (4) A summary of any survey data collected by HHSC to provide oversight and monitoring of the use of local funds in the Medicaid program; and
  - (5) All financial reports submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services related to programs that use local funds in the Medicaid program.
- (c) IGTs of funds from institutions of higher education are appropriated to HHSC for the non-federal share of uncompensated care or delivery system reform incentive payments or monitoring costs under the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 Waiver.

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- (d) In an effort to maximize the receipt of federal Medicaid funding, HHSC is appropriated and may expend IGTs received as Appropriated Receipts-Match for Medicaid No. 8062 for the purpose of matching Medicaid Federal Funds for payments to Medicaid providers and to offset administrative costs for programs HHSC administers for other entities.
- (e) HHSC shall provide annually to the Office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Finance Committee members, the House Appropriations Committee members, and the Legislative Budget Board a copy of the annual independent audit conducted of DSH and UC in compliance with federal requirements.
- (f) HHSC shall provide annually to the Comptroller of Public Accounts a copy of the CMS-37 and CMS-64 reports. Included in the "Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTE)" appropriated above, are 42.0 FTEs for each year of the 2026-27 biennium for the implementation of the extension of the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement 1115 waiver, including for increased monitoring and oversight of the use of local funds, and administration of new directed-payment programs and new supplemental payment programs. Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, limitations on FTEs do not apply to instances of employment in which funds are derived from Government Code, Section 531.021135, and applicable federal funds.
- (g) Notwithstanding the limitations in Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, and Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, HHSC is authorized to transfer from an existing capital budget item or non-capital budget item to a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to implement an electronic data collection and storage tool for the collection of information to support monitoring of local funds used in the Medicaid program, provided that HHSC determines that the project is necessary to meet the state's responsibilities under the Special Terms and Conditions for the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 waiver.
- (h) Notwithstanding the limitations in Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, and Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, HHSC is authorized to transfer from an existing capital budget item or non-capital budget item to a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to implement an electronic data collection and storage tool for the collection of information to support monitoring of local funds used in the Medicaid program, provided that HHSC determines that the project is necessary to meet the state's responsibilities under the Special Terms and Conditions for the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 waiver.

**15. Federal Provider Enrollment and Screening Fee.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, is \$1,814,156 in each fiscal year from Other Funds - Appropriated Receipts Match for Medicaid No. 8062 generated from Provider Enrollment and Screening Fees. For the purpose of this provision, Provider Screening and Enrollment Fees are defined as payments from medical providers and suppliers required by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a condition for enrolling as a provider in the Medicaid and CHIP programs but collected and received by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

- (a) Appropriations made above include all unexpended and unobligated balances of Provider Enrollment and Screening Fees remaining as of August 31, 2025, and receipts collected in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.
- (b) In the event that revenue from Provider Enrollment and Screening Fees should be greater than the amounts identified in this provision, HHSC is appropriated and authorized to expend these receipts, subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any other appropriated funds required to support provider enrollment;
  - (2) Amounts collected shall also be used to fund applicable employee benefits pursuant to Article IX provisions elsewhere in this Act; and
  - (3) Any unused fee balances shall be disbursed to the federal government, as required by federal law.

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**16. Use of Certain Additional Medicaid Revenues.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, are Medicaid Program Income No. 705 and Cost Sharing-Medicaid Clients No. 8075.

(a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this provision and appropriation authority:

- (1) Medicaid Program Income No. 705 is defined as revenues that are deposited into the General Revenue Fund in Revenue Object Code 3639 - Premium Credits, Medicaid Program, including:
  - (A) refunds/rebates of previously paid premiums and interest earnings;
  - (B) refunds/rebates received from the Medicaid claims payment contractor or other sources; and
  - (C) managed care experience rebates generated in accordance with contractual agreements with health maintenance organizations who participate in Medicaid managed care.
- (2) Cost Sharing-Medicaid Clients No. 8075 is defined as all cost sharing revenues generated by Medicaid clients as authorized in Human Resources Code, Section 32.064. These revenues may include enrollment fees, deductibles, coinsurance, and portions of the managed care plan premiums.

(b) Medicaid Program Income No. 705 and Cost Sharing-Medicaid Clients No. 8075 shall be expended as a first source, and General Revenue Fund appropriations shall be used as a second source, to support the Medicaid program. In the event that revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of finance above as General Revenue Fund-Medicaid Program Income No. 705, or Cost Sharing-Medicaid Clients No. 8075, the commission is appropriated and authorized to expend these General Revenue Fund appropriations, subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue Fund appropriations available for the same purposes; and
- (2) In the event General Revenue Fund appropriations have been expended prior to the receipt of program income or cost sharing revenues, the commission shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis in order to prevent accumulation of program income or cost sharing revenue balances.

**17. Interest List Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission shall post the following information regarding the Home and Community-based Services, Community Living Assistance and Support Services, Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities, Texas Home Living, and Medically Dependent Children Program waivers and STAR+PLUS on the commission's website:

- (a) interest list releases;
- (b) interest list counts, by years on list;
- (c) average number of individuals on the interest list per month;
- (d) average number of individuals on the interest list receiving other services per month;
- (e) percent declined services or found to be ineligible for services at the end of the fiscal year; and
- (f) the unduplicated number of persons on each interest list, broken out by program, by month.

**18. Hospital Reimbursement.** Contingent upon federal approval, and to the extent allowed by law, no funds appropriated above for the payment of inpatient hospital fees and charges under the medical assistance program may be expended, except under a prospective payment methodology for all Medicaid inpatient claims, excluding state-owned teaching hospital Medicaid inpatient claims, that employs sound cost reimbursement principles and:

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- (a) enhances the Health and Human Services Commission's ability to be a prudent purchaser of health care;
- (b) reflects costs that are allowable, reasonable and medically necessary to deliver health care services to the state's Medicaid population;
- (c) reduces the variability in the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid to hospitals for treating patients with the same diagnoses;
- (d) promotes and rewards increased efficiency in the operation of hospitals;
- (e) emphasizes and rewards quality of outcomes and improves the treatment of Medicaid patients through pay-for-performance principles; and
- (f) recognizes, through add-on payments or other methods, the unique needs of individual hospitals, including rural hospitals.

**19. Access to Federal Data Services Hub.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment, is \$6,104,862 from the General Revenue Fund and \$12,739,049 from Federal Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,191,217 from the General Revenue Fund and \$15,005,951 from Federal Funds in fiscal year 2027 for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Federal Data Services Hub. To the extent allowable under state and federal law and regulations, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall request a consumer report containing employment and income information through the CMS Federal Data Services Hub for Medicaid eligibility determinations and redeterminations in order to achieve cost savings, improve timeliness, and minimize fraud.

**20. Medicaid Provider Rate Increases.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, when Medicaid provider rates are increased as a result of a legislative appropriation, managed care organizations reimburse the full amount of the appropriated funds to providers, to the extent allowed by federal laws and regulations.

**21. Informational Listing: End-of-Year Waiver Slots Funding.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. Appropriations above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, include the following:

- (a) **Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, STAR+PLUS Home and Community-based Services:** \$1,204,310,945 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,786,834,209 from Federal Funds (\$2,991,145,154 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 for 62,094 end-of-year waiver slots and \$1,250,098,432 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,851,950,170 from Federal Funds (\$3,102,048,602 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 64,074 end-of-year waiver slots.
- (b) **Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, Medically Dependent Children Program:** \$538,411,540 from the General Revenue Fund and \$798,767,567 from Federal Funds (\$1,337,179,107 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 for 6,583 end-of-year waiver slots and \$558,120,303 from the General Revenue Fund and \$826,363,157 from Federal Funds (\$1,384,483,460 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 6,847 end-of-year waiver slots.
- (c) **Strategy A.2.1, Home and Community-based Services:** \$657,940,535 from the General Revenue Fund and \$982,886,744 from Federal Funds (\$1,640,827,279 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 for 30,874 end-of-year waiver slots and \$665,544,451 from the General Revenue Fund and \$992,131,180 from Federal Funds (\$1,657,675,631 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 31,219 end-of-year waiver slots.
- (d) **Strategy A.2.2, Community Living Assistance:** \$154,901,146 from the General Revenue Fund and \$276,035,558 from Federal Funds (\$430,936,704 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 for 6,430 end-of-year waiver slots and \$156,791,909 from the General Revenue Fund and \$278,730,663 from Federal Funds (\$435,522,572 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 6,503 end-of-year waiver slots.
- (e) **Strategy A.2.3, Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities:** \$8,039,261 from the General Revenue Fund and \$12,937,461 from Federal Funds (\$20,976,722 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026

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for 258 end-of-year waiver slots and \$7,704,862 from the General Revenue Fund and \$12,372,873 from Federal Funds (\$20,077,735 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 247 end-of-year waiver slots.

- (f) **Strategy A.2.4, Texas Home Living:** \$40,805,924 from the General Revenue Fund and \$70,968,849 from Federal Funds (\$111,774,773 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 for 3,166 end-of-year waiver slots and \$41,408,218 from the General Revenue Fund and \$71,893,572 from Federal Funds (\$113,301,790 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for 3,214 end-of-year waiver slots.

**22. Temporary Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Authority for the Unwinding of Continuous Medicaid Coverage.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment, are 642.0 temporary FTEs in each fiscal year of the biennium to support the increased workload due to the unwinding of continuous Medicaid coverage. It is the intent of the Legislature that FTE positions added pursuant to this rider be phased out by the end of the biennium.

**23. Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services.**

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, Strategy D.2.3, Behavioral Hlth Waiver & Amendment, and Strategy F.1.2, Non-Medicaid Services, are the following:
  - (1) \$653,342,819 from the General Revenue Fund and \$955,481,745 from Federal Funds (\$1,648,824,564 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$685,729,992 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,044,698,132 from Federal Funds (\$1,730,428,124 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
  - (2) \$61,193,965 from the General Revenue Fund and \$92,072,335 from Federal Funds (\$153,266,300 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$61,365,335 from the General Revenue Fund and \$92,134,134 from Federal Funds (\$153,499,470 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027; and
  - (3) \$80,558,343 from the General Revenue Fund and \$122,901,912 from Federal Funds (\$203,460,255 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,040,662 from the General Revenue Fund and \$128,156,242 from Federal Funds (\$212,196,904 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027.
- (b) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall only expend the funds appropriated in subsection (a)(1) to increase the base wage for personal attendant services to \$14.28 per hour and to increase the associated payroll costs, taxes, and benefits percentage to 14 percent; the funds appropriated in subsection (a)(2) to further increase the base wage for personal attendant services in the Home and Community-based Services waiver, the Texas Home Living waiver, and intermediate care facilities to \$17.50 per hour; and the funds appropriated in subsection (a)(3) to increase the administrative subcomponent of the reimbursement rate for personal attendant services by \$0.48 per attendant hour assumed in the billing unit.

**24. Rate Increase for Certain Maternal Fetal Medicine Radiological Services.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, is \$2,742,390 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,113,590 from Federal Funds (\$6,855,980 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,713,310 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,069,980 from Federal Funds (\$6,783,290 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate for maternal fetal medicine radiological services by 10 percent.

To the extent possible, HHSC shall ensure any funds identified in this rider that are included in Medicaid managed care capitation rates are distributed by the managed care organizations to the providers delivering the services that are receiving a rate increase pursuant to this rider.

## CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

**25. Informational Listing: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Funding.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. Appropriations above in Strategy C.1.1, CHIP, Perinatal Services, Prescription Drugs, and Dental Services, include the following:

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- (a) **CHIP:** \$83,878,186 from the General Revenue Fund and \$211,422,744 from Federal Funds (\$295,300,930 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,215,462 from the General Revenue Fund and \$211,890,375 from Federal Funds (\$296,105,837 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
- (b) **CHIP Perinatal Services:** \$39,906,258 from the General Revenue Fund and \$100,590,271 from Federal Funds (\$140,496,529 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$39,370,540 from the General Revenue Fund and \$99,058,277 from Federal Funds (\$138,428,817 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
- (c) **CHIP Prescription Drugs:** \$23,348,480 from the General Revenue Fund and \$58,852,253 from Federal Funds (\$82,200,733 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$23,380,427 from the General Revenue Fund and \$58,826,342 from Federal Funds (\$82,206,769 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027; and
- (d) **CHIP Dental Services:** \$12,247,400 from the General Revenue Fund and \$30,868,155 from Federal Funds (\$43,115,555 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,296,644 from the General Revenue Fund and \$30,936,473 from Federal Funds (\$43,233,117 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027.

**26. Use of Additional CHIP Revenue.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, CHIP, are CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments.

- (a) **Definitions.** For the purposes of this provision and appropriation authority:
  - (1) CHIP Experience Rebates are defined as:
    - (A) refunds/rebates of previously paid CHIP premiums and related interest earnings; and
    - (B) managed care rebates and related interest earnings.
  - (2) CHIP Premium Co-payments are defined as premium co-payments made on behalf of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- (b) Amounts defined as CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments are to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may receive and expend CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments. The use of CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments is limited to health care services for CHIP clients. CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments shall be expended as they are received as a first source, and General Revenue shall be used as a second source, to support CHIP-related programs. In the event that these revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of finance above as Experience Rebates - CHIP No. 8054 or Premium Co-payments - Low Income Children, No. 3643, HHSC is appropriated and authorized to expend these General Revenue Funds made available, subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue available for the same purposes; and
  - (2) In the event General Revenue has been expended prior to the receipt of CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments, HHSC shall reimburse General Revenue. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis in order to prevent accumulation of CHIP Experience Rebates and CHIP Premium Co-payments.

**27. Tobacco Settlement Receipts.** Tobacco settlement receipts appropriations made above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, and Goal C, CHIP Client Services, include \$302,150,992 for fiscal year 2026 and \$301,623,665 for fiscal year 2027 in tobacco settlement receipts paid to the State pursuant to the Comprehensive Tobacco Settlement and Release. In the event that the state has not received a tobacco settlements payment for each fiscal year by September 1 of each year of the biennium, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is authorized to use General Revenue funds as needed for program expenditures for cash flow purposes between the beginning of the fiscal year and the receipt by the state of the tobacco settlement payment for the fiscal year. Upon receipt of the tobacco settlement payment, the General Revenue Fund shall be reimbursed with tobacco settlement receipts for all expenditures made pursuant to this provision.



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- 28. Informational Listing: Community Mental Health Services Funding.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. Appropriations above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, include the following:
- (a) Community Mental Health Services for Adults.** \$339,607,587 from the General Revenue Fund, \$62,609,630 from Federal Funds, and \$136,071 from Other Funds (\$402,353,288 in All Funds) in each fiscal year of the biennium.
  - (b) Community Mental Health Services for Children.** \$113,155,493 from the General Revenue Fund and \$27,701,735 from Federal Funds (\$140,857,228 in All Funds) in each fiscal year of the biennium.
  - (c) Community Mental Health Crisis Services.** \$163,251,706 from the General Revenue Fund, \$13,656,306 from Federal Funds, and \$250,000 from Other Funds (\$177,158,012 in All Funds) in each fiscal year of the biennium.
- 29. Mental Health Outcomes and Accountability.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall place ten percent of the General Revenue quarterly allocation from each Local Mental Health Authority and Local Behavioral Health Authority at risk. Funds placed at risk shall be subject to recoupment for failure to achieve outcome targets set by HHSC. Funds that have been recouped for failure to achieve outcome targets may be used for technical assistance or redistributed as an incentive payment according to a methodology developed by HHSC. Performance shall be assessed and payments made on a six-month interval.
- 30. Mental Health Appropriations and Federal Matching Opportunities.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) by contract shall require that General Revenue funds be used to the extent possible to draw down additional federal funds through the 1115 Transformation Waiver or other federal matching opportunities. Nothing in this section shall relieve a Local Mental Health Authority or Local Behavioral Health Authority from an obligation to provide mental health services under the terms of a performance contract with HHSC or to reduce the amount of such obligation specified in the contract. HHSC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor by December 1 of each fiscal year on efforts to leverage these funds.
- 31. Mental Health Peer Support Re-entry Program.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall allocate up to \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the biennium from Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, to maintain a mental health peer support re-entry program. HHSC, in partnership with Local Mental Health Authorities and county sheriffs, shall operate a program that uses certified peer support specialists to ensure inmates with a mental illness successfully transition from the county jail into clinically appropriate community-based care.
- 32. Reporting of Waiting Lists for Mental Health Services.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor the current waiting list and related expenditure data for the following:
- (a) community mental health services for adults;
  - (b) community mental health services for children;
  - (c) forensic state hospital beds; and
  - (d) maximum security forensic state hospital beds.

The data shall be submitted in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board and shall, at a minimum, include the number of clients waiting for all services, the number of underserved clients waiting for additional services, the number of individuals removed from the waiting list, and funds expended to remove individuals on the waiting list in each fiscal quarter included in the reporting period, and the average number of calendar days spent on the waiting list. The information above shall be provided for each Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) and Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA), facility, or other contracted entity. HHSC shall distinguish between waiting

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lists at LMHAs and LBHAs, state facilities, or other contracted entities that are due to operational or other short-term factors and long-term waiting lists due to insufficient capacity. Data shall be submitted November 1 of each fiscal year.

- 33. Mental Health Program for Veterans.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, the Health and Human Services Commission shall allocate \$3,956,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for the purpose of administering the mental health program for veterans established pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Sections 1001.221-.225.
- 34. Reporting of Opioid-Related Expenditures.** No later than September 1 of each year, the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee that provides information about actual annual expenditures from the previous fiscal year for opioid-related programs at HHSC. The report shall include, but not be limited to, all programs specific to opioid use and misuse, including prevention, treatment, recovery, intervention, and withdrawal management programs, and all programs available to individuals who may have an opioid-use disorder. The report shall include expenditure data by program at the method of finance level and the amount distributed by HHSC to institutions of higher education for each program at the method of finance level.
- 35. Community Mental Health Grant Programs.**
- (a) **Informational Listing.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.4, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, is the following:
- (1) \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for a grant program for mental health services for veterans and their families established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0992;
  - (2) \$45,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for a grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration among individuals with mental illness and to reduce wait time for forensic commitment established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0993;
  - (3) \$27,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for a community mental health grant program established pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0991;
  - (4) \$16,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants for Healthy Community Collaboratives pursuant to Government Code, Section 539.002;
  - (5) \$14,762,133 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants for community-based initiatives that promote identification of mental health issues and improve access to early intervention and treatment for children and families pursuant to Government Code 531.09915; and
  - (6) \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants to establish or expand behavioral health centers or jail diversion centers pursuant to Government Code 531.09936.
- (b) **Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium in Strategy D.2.4, Community Mental Health Grant Programs, are appropriated for the same purposes for the second fiscal year of the biennium.
- (c) **Reporting Requirement.** By November 1, 2026, HHSC shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy D.2.4, Community Mental Health Grant Programs. The report shall include the following: the number of grants awarded, amount awarded per entity, effectiveness of the grants, the number of individuals served by each grant program, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

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- (d) **Other Requirements.** Contingent upon the availability of local matching funds pursuant to Government Code, Section 539.002, \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the biennium from the amount identified above in subsection (a)(4) may be allocated to fund Healthy Community Collaboratives in rural areas.

HHSC shall consider funding received by a collaborative from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs prior to releasing funds in subsection (a)(4) to the collaborative.

- 36. Block Grants for Community Mental Health and Substance Use Services.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall produce a report on the uses of the federal Block Grants for Community Mental Health (MHBG) and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUBG) funds in the previous fiscal year, including supplemental and one-time awards received by HHSC.

The report shall include:

- (a) an itemized list of each activity funded with MHBG and SUBG funds;
- (b) identification of whether the activity was funded by one-time federal COVID-19 related MHBG and SUBG awards and/or MHBG and SUBG awards the state received through the regular federal legislative process;
- (c) a detailed description of each activity listed in subsection (a), including expenditures by funding stream; and
- (d) the total amount of federal MHBG and SUBG funds expended and the actual amount of unexpended and unobligated balances.

HHSC shall submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and permanent committees in the Senate and House of Representatives with jurisdiction over health and human services by June 1 of each fiscal year.

- 37. Rural Hospital Telepsychiatry Consultations.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, is \$3,700,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to fund telepsychiatry consultations for rural hospitals. The Health and Human Services Commission shall contract with a statewide organization to aggregate telepsychiatry consultations among rural hospitals in order to access remote psychology services through collaboration with one or more telepsychiatry networks. The statewide organization must be exempt from federal income taxation and provide services to rural hospitals, including grant and fund development to assist rural hospitals in their search for funding opportunities, education and training to provide important information to rural hospital staff, and performance and quality improvement tools to help rural hospitals deliver quality health care.

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

Rural hospitals are defined as (1) hospitals located in a county with 68,750 or fewer persons according to the 2020 U.S. Census; or (2) a hospital designated by Medicare as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), a Sole Community Hospital (SCH), or a Rural Referral Center (RRC) that is not located in a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); or (3) a hospital that has 100 or fewer beds, is designated by Medicare as a CAH, a SCH, or a RRC, and is located in an MSA.

- 38. Informational Listing: Community Mental Health Hospital Beds.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy G.2.2, Community Mental Health Hospitals, is \$47,952,240 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for operation of 168 beds at the John S. Dunn Center, and \$43,508,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for operation of 149 beds at the Harris County Psychiatric Center.

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**39. Galveston County Crisis Stabilization Services.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, is \$4,489,592 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to support crisis services at the local mental health authority serving Galveston County.

**40. Youth Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, is \$36,379,460 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for youth mobile crisis outreach teams.

### WOMEN'S HEALTH

**41. Payments to Health Centers for the Healthy Texas Women Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall, to the extent allowable by federal law, reimburse Federally Qualified Health Centers for family planning services under Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, for the Healthy Texas Women Program, using a prospective payment system at a per visit rate, not to exceed three payments during a calendar year.

**42. Funding for Abstinence Sexual Education.** Funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.12, Abstinence Education, shall be utilized for the purpose of implementing abstinence sexual education programs to reduce the need for future family planning services for unwed minors. Abstinence education means materials and instruction which:

- (a) Present abstinence from sexual activity as the preferred choice of behavior for unmarried persons; and
- (b) Emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity, used consistently and correctly, is the only method that is 100 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, sexually transmitted disease, and infection with human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

Funds appropriated in Strategy D.1.12, Abstinence Education, must be used to implement sexual education programs that must comply with each of the components of the abstinence education program under Section 510(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 710(b)).

No later than December 1 of each year, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor a report containing contractor compliance issues related to components of Section 510(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 710(b)).

**43. Prohibition on Abortions.**

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that no funds shall be used to pay the direct or indirect costs (including marketing, overhead, rent, phones, and utilities) of abortion procedures provided by contractors of the Health and Human Services Commission.
- (b) It is also the intent of the Legislature that no funds appropriated for Medicaid Family Planning, Healthy Texas Women Program, or the Family Planning Program shall be distributed to individuals or entities that perform elective abortion procedures or that contract with or provide funds to individuals or entities for the performance of elective abortion procedures.
- (c) The commission shall include in its financial audit a review of the use of appropriated funds to ensure compliance with this section.

**44. Funding for Family Planning Instruction.** None of the funds appropriated above may be used to implement human sexuality instruction or family planning instruction, or to provide instructional materials for use in human sexuality instruction or family planning instruction, if the instruction or instructional materials are provided or prepared by an individual or entity that performs elective abortions or an affiliate of an individual or entity that performs elective abortions.

**45. Women's Health Programs: Savings and Performance Reporting.** The Health and Human Services Commission shall submit an annual report on the Healthy Texas Women (HTW), HTW

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Plus, Family Planning Program (FPP), and Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program, due August 1 of each year, to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor that includes the following information for each program:

- (a) HTW enrollment levels;
- (b) Service utilization by geographic region, including total number of unduplicated patients served, delivery system, and age from the prior two fiscal years;
- (c) Savings or expenditures in the Medicaid program that are attributable to service utilization as reported in section (b);
- (d) Descriptions of all outreach activities undertaken for the reporting period, including those focused on recruiting new specialty provider types;
- (e) The total number of providers, by geographic region and provider type, enrolled in each program;
- (f) The average and median numbers of program clients;
- (g) The count of women in HTW and FPP receiving a long-acting reversible contraceptive;
- (h) The service utilization by procedure or drug type code;
- (i) Total expenditures, by method of finance and program;
- (j) Results of policies designed to reduce enrollment gaps, including but not limited to the number of unduplicated women automatically or administratively-enrolled into HTW from other Medicaid programs or the Children's Health Insurance Program, and recommendations for further reducing enrollment gaps;
- (k) Number of unduplicated women who are determined eligible and enrolled into HTW after their Medicaid for Pregnant Women ends; and
- (l) Number of Women's Preventive Health Mobile Units active in the state by HHSC region for the previous 36-month period.

**46. Funding for Healthy Texas Women Plus.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, include \$43,850 from the General Revenue Fund and \$64,215 from Federal Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$43,907 from the General Revenue Fund and \$64,159 from Federal Funds in fiscal year 2027 for the Healthy Texas Women Plus (HTW Plus) program. These amounts assume the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will seek approval to receive federal matching funds for the program by submitting an amendment to the Healthy Texas Women Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver and those funds will be available beginning in fiscal year 2026. In the event federal matching funds do not become available or are available in a lesser amount, HHSC shall seek approval to transfer funds from other sources prior to making any reductions to service levels.

**47. Healthy Texas Women Cost Reimbursement Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may operate the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Cost Reimbursement program if HHSC is able to do so without exceeding All Funds appropriations. Not more than five percent of funds expended on the HTW Cost Reimbursement program shall be expended on providers' administrative functions.

### **48. Primary Care and Specialty Care Provisions.**

#### **(a) Consent for Services.**

- (1) No state funds appropriated above for Medicaid Family Planning or for the Family Planning Program in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, may be expended by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to dispense prescription drugs to minors without parental consent. An exemption shall be allowed for non-parents and minors pursuant to Family Code, Chapter 32.

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- (2) HHSC may distribute funds for medical, dental, psychological, or surgical treatment provided to a minor only if consent to treatment is obtained pursuant to Family Code Chapter 32. In the event that compliance with this subsection would result in the loss of Federal Funds to the state, HHSC may modify, or suspend this subsection to the extent necessary to prevent such loss of funds, provided that notification is provided 45 calendar days in advance to the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) **Services Providers: Limitations.** No funds appropriated above may be expended by HHSC on the following:
  - (1) To compensate providers for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Services Program in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, that would be ineligible to participate pursuant to Texas Administrative Code, Section 392.607. If HHSC is unable to locate a sufficient number of eligible providers offering services in a permanent setting in a certain region, the agency may compensate other local providers for the provision of breast and cervical cancer screening services; and
  - (2) To contract with providers for the Primary Health Care Program in Strategy D.1.11, Community Primary Care Services, that would be ineligible to participate pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 31.006.
- (c) **Allocation of Funds for Family Planning Services.** HHSC shall allocate funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, for the Family Planning Program, using a methodology that prioritizes distribution and reallocation to first award public entities that provide family planning services, including state, county, local community health clinics, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and clinics under the Baylor College of Medicine; secondly, non-public entities that provide comprehensive primary and preventative care as a part of their family planning services; and thirdly, non-public entities that provide family planning services but do not provide comprehensive primary and preventative care. HHSC shall in compliance with federal law ensure the distribution and allocation methodology for funds in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, for the Family Planning Program, does not severely limit or eliminate access to services to any region.

Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, for the Family Planning Program, up to \$1,000,000 each fiscal year may be allocated to clinics for core family planning services provided under the auspices of Baylor College of Medicine.

### 49. Thriving Texas Families.

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Thriving Texas Families, is \$70,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for the Thriving Texas Families (TTF) program.
- (b) **Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining at the end of the first year of the biennium in Strategy D.1.2, Thriving Texas Families, are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the second fiscal year of the biennium.
- (c) **Reporting Requirement.** HHSC shall submit the following information regarding the TTF to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office no later than December 1 of each year:
  - (1) Total number of TTF providers, including subcontractors, by geographical region;
  - (2) Description of outreach efforts by providers and HHSC;
  - (3) Total number of unduplicated clients served by each provider, by gender and age;
  - (4) Total number of services provided by service type;
  - (5) Total expenditures, by MOF;

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- (6) Total contract amounts by provider, including subcontractors; and
- (7) Any outcome measures included in contracts with providers.

**50. Informational Listing: Women's Health Funding.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. Appropriations above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, include the following:

- (a) **Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program:** Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Program: \$47,381,311 from the General Revenue Fund and \$81,757,986 from Federal Funds (\$129,139,297 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$50,622,862 from the General Revenue Fund and \$88,856,750 from Federal Funds (\$139,479,611 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
- (b) **Family Planning Program (FPP):** \$75,749,255 from the General Revenue Fund and \$2,630,728 from Federal Funds (\$78,379,983 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$71,354,630 from the General Revenue Fund and \$2,630,728 from Federal Funds (\$73,985,358 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027;
- (c) **Breast and Cervical Cancer Services (BCCS):** \$3,429,381 from the General Revenue Fund and \$8,877,538 from Federal Funds (\$12,306,919 from All Funds) in each fiscal year; and
- (d) **Additional Funding for Caseload Growth.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) distributes funding to providers in Women's Health Programs in a manner that allows for the uninterrupted care of clients served throughout the state.
  - (1) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 that can only be utilized to address an increase in caseloads for Women's Health Programs, including an increase in enrollments for HTW, growth from Women's Preventative Mobile Health Units (MHUs), or contract utilization.
  - (2) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may not access the amount specified in subsection (d)(1) of this rider prior to providing notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office at least 30 business days prior to utilizing these funds. A notification must include the following information:
    - (A) Caseload projections, MHU expansion, HTW enrollment, or contract utilization that support the need for additional General Revenue Funds; and
    - (B) The effect on performance measures.
  - (3) Any unexpended balances of the \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund described in Subsection (d) of this rider remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to HHSC for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- (e) Nothing in this provision shall be construed to limit HHSC's authority to transfer appropriations within Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs.
- (f) In the amounts appropriated above in Strategy, D.1.1, Women's Health Programs, and listed in Subsection (b) of this rider, is \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of maintaining existing Women's Preventative Mobile Health Units (MHUs) and expanding the number of MHUs prioritizing rural areas including unserved and underserved regions of the state.
- (g) In the event federal funds identified above are available in a lesser amount, HHSC shall seek approval to transfer funds from other sources prior to making any reductions to service levels.

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## OTHER CLIENT SERVICES

- 51. Education Funding.** Included in the Method of Financing from Other Funds above is \$16,498,102 in each fiscal year set aside from the Special Education Allotment and transferred to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

HHSC shall enter into an Interagency Contract (IAC) with the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of providing funds to Early Childhood Intervention contractors for eligibility determination and comprehensive and transition services. The IAC shall include a listing of the specific services that the funding will support and other provisions the agencies deem necessary. HHSC shall provide a signed copy of the IAC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, no later than October 1, 2026.

- 52. Limitation on Federal Funds Appropriations for Early Childhood Intervention Services.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, ECI Services is \$51,551,857 in fiscal year 2026 and \$52,268,418 in fiscal year 2027, and in Strategy D.1.14, Primary Health and Specialty Care Administration, is \$2,030,966 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,030,967 in fiscal year 2027, from the federal Special Education Grants for Infants and Families (IDEA Part C) funds. Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants, the Health and Human Services Commission's (HHSC) total expenditures of IDEA Part C federal funds in each fiscal year in Strategy D.1.3, ECI Services, and Strategy D.1.14, Primary Health and Specialty Care Administration, may not exceed the amounts specified in this rider without written approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor.

To request approval, HHSC shall submit in a timely manner a written request before expending the funds. At the same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information by fiscal year:

- (a) A detailed explanation of the proposed use of the additional funds and whether the expenditures will be one-time or ongoing;
- (b) The available balance after the expenditure of the funds; and
- (c) An estimate of the impact to performance levels and/or targets included in this Act.

The request shall be considered approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor. Any request for additional information from the LBB shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- 53. Reporting on Early Childhood Intervention.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall submit the following to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor as it relates to Strategies D.1.3, ECI Services, and D.1.4, ECI Respite, in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board:

- (a) Annual report due March 1 that details for the prior state fiscal year:
  - (1) By subrecipient:
    - (A) Average monthly number of children served in comprehensive services;
    - (B) Total amount reimbursed; and
    - (C) Average monthly number of hours of service delivered by service type and Medicaid versus Non-Medicaid within each service type.
  - (2) By subrecipient, total annual amount collected from private insurance, family cost share, and other local sources;
  - (3) Percent of program funded by Medicaid;
  - (4) Average time for complaint resolution; and
  - (5) Average monthly number of children receiving respite services.



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- (b) Report that provides, for each subrecipient: the number of children to be served, the HHSC appropriation allocation, including the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) contract amount and the amounts allocated for Medicaid collections for Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC), Targeted Case Management, and Specialized Skills Training; and total ECI program budget, including the ECI contract amount; and other subrecipient projected revenue including Medicaid collections from managed care organizations and private insurance collections. The report shall be submitted two separate times, within 30 calendar days of the following milestones being reached:
  - (1) Finalization (signing) of contracts; and
  - (2) Finalization of mid-year adjustments to the contracts affecting the HHSC appropriation allocation.
- (c) In the event that notification is given of the intent to terminate a contract by a subrecipient, HHSC shall provide a report on the date notice was received, the date of when termination is effective, and any termination plans related to the notice. HHSC shall provide the report as soon as all reporting information is available.
- (d) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor.

**54. Autism Program Provisions.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Autism Program:

- (a) Expenditures for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) treatment services shall be only for children enrolled in the focused program; and
- (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall provide support to the Texas Autism Research and Resource Center.

**55. Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN).** The Health and Human Services Commission shall submit the following information related to the CSHCN program to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor no later than December 1 of each year:

- (a) Demographics of clients served and on the program's waitlist, including income level, insured status, and citizenship; and
- (b) Caseload and prescription drug data, including related expenditures, for at least the preceding 36 months and forecast projections for the 36-month period beginning with the first month after the report is due.

**56. Parkland Senior Care Project.** It is the intent of the Legislature that a total of \$302,100 for the biennium appropriated in Strategy D.1.11, Community Primary Care Services, be expended for the Parkland Senior Care Project.

**57. Temporary Emergency Assistance for Families at Risk of Welfare Dependency.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, TANF (Cash Assistance) Grants, the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide a one-time emergency assistance payment to applicants for a TANF (Cash Assistance) grant who are likely to be employed within a short period of time, without referral to the Choices program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission expands the use of one-time emergency payments as a cost-effective deterrence from the ongoing cash assistance grant programs.

**58. TANF (Cash Assistance) Grants.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, TANF (Cash Assistance) Grants, the Health and Human Services Commission shall adjust the TANF grant amount each year to ensure that the maximum monthly grant for a family of three is at least 17 percent of the federal poverty level and provide a one-time per year grant of up to \$30 for each TANF child on August 1 of each year.

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### 59. Funding for Child Advocacy Center Programs and Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs.

- (a) Included in appropriations above in Strategy F.3.2, Child Advocacy Programs, is \$40,384,652 from the General Revenue Fund, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue - Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010, and \$6,948,063 from Federal Funds (\$52,332,715 from All Funds) in each fiscal year for the purpose of entering into a contract with a statewide organization that shall provide training, technical assistance, evaluation services, and funds administration to support contractual requirements for local children's advocacy center programs. The statewide organization must be exempt from federal income taxation and be composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have expertise in the establishment and operation of children's advocacy center programs.
- (b) Included in appropriations above in Strategy F.3.2, Child Advocacy Programs, is \$15,950,500 from the General Revenue Fund and \$13,500 from the License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802 (\$15,964,000 from All Funds) in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of entering into a contract with a statewide organization that shall provide training, technical assistance, and evaluation services for the benefit of local volunteer advocate programs. The statewide organization must be exempt from federal income taxation and be composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have expertise in the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and experience in operating volunteer advocate programs.
- (c) Unexpended balances in Strategy F.3.2, Child Advocacy Programs, remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium, are appropriated for the same purposes for the second fiscal year of the biennium.
- (d) No later than December 1 of each fiscal year, the Health and Human Services Commission shall submit a report detailing the expenditures of funds appropriated in Strategy F.3.2, Child Advocacy Programs. The report shall include information demonstrating continuity of service from the previous fiscal year, services provided and the number of children for whom the services were provided, the amount of grants awarded in each of the categories listed above, the amount of expenditures for administration, the amount of expenditures from General Revenue - Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010, oversight activities conducted relating to the child advocacy programs, and an analysis of the effectiveness of the contracts awarded in subsections (a) and (b). The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor's Office, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

**60. Lifespan Respite Care Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy I.2.1 Community Services Admin & Access, is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas Lifespan Respite Program. The Health and Human Services Commission shall ensure continuity of service for the Texas Lifespan Respite Program from the previous biennium.

### 61. Family Violence Services.

- (a) **Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium from appropriations made to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in Strategy F.3.1, Family Violence Services, are appropriated to HHSC for the second fiscal year of the biennium for the same purposes relating to the provision of family violence services.
- (b) **Reporting Requirement.** By November 1, 2026, HHSC shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy F.3.1, Family Violence Services. The report shall include the number of persons for whom a service was provided, the number of shelter and non-shelter services provided, the average cost per person receiving services, analysis of the effectiveness of the contracts awarded for family violence services, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee.

**62. Independent Living Services Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall provide an annual report by December 31 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Lieutenant Governor,

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Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Texas Workforce Commission on the use of funds appropriated above in Strategy F.2.1, Independent Living Services, by the Centers for Independent Living (CILs), including the number of consumers served, breakdown of services provided, performance targets, and any other information HHSC deems necessary to ensure accounting of the use of funds in Strategy F.2.1, Independent Living Services.

**63. Unexpended Balances: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Crisis Funding.**

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy F.1.3, Non-Medicaid IDD Community Services, is \$14,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for crisis intervention and respite services. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium, are appropriated for the same purposes for the second fiscal year of the biennium.

**64. Multi-Assistance Center Demonstration Project.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission is \$7,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Strategy D.1.10, Additional Specialty Care, to support a demonstration project providing comprehensive medical, therapeutic, and non-medical services to adults and children with special needs. The funds shall assist a demonstration project utilizing a one-stop shop model, providing on-site services to adults and children with special needs in Bexar County and the South Texas region. The model shall employ staff to serve as single point of contact to coordinate and support client needs with community partners.
- (b) Notwithstanding the limitations in Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, HHSC may transfer funds among strategies in its bill pattern to efficiently implement these provisions upon prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board. HHSC shall identify and pursue opportunities to use any available Federal or other non-General Revenue source of funds to implement this project.

**65. Texas Colorectal Cancer Initiative.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in Strategy D.1.10, Additional Specialty Care, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for a pilot program to fund the treatment of colorectal cancer for uninsured and underinsured Texas residents with household incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level. HHSC shall identify and pursue opportunities to use any available federal funding to implement this pilot program.

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

**66. Rural Hospital Grant Program.**

- (a) **Informational Listing.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is \$25,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Strategy F.3.3, Additional Advocacy Programs, to provide grants for financial stabilization of rural hospitals, for maternal care operations in rural hospitals, for trauma, maternal, and neonatal designation-related expenses in rural hospitals, and for alternative payment model readiness for rural hospitals; and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Strategy L.1.1, HHS System Supports, to administer the program.
- (b) **Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (c) **Reporting Requirement.** By November 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium, HHSC shall submit a report detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy F.3.3, Additional Advocacy Programs, for the Rural Hospital Grant Program. The report shall include the following: the number of grants awarded, amount awarded per entity, effectiveness of the grants, the number of hospitals served by each grant program, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor's Office, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

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- (d) Notwithstanding the limitations in Article IX, Sec. 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, of this Act, HHSC may increase the “number of full-time-equivalents (FTEs)” appropriated above by 6.0 FTEs in each fiscal year to address staffing needs related to providing grants under this provision.

**67. Nutrition Incentives.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission is \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment, for grants to organizations implementing nutrition incentive programs that qualify for federal funds under Section 4205, Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (7 U.S.C. Section 7517). Any organization selected for grant funding must have demonstrated experience designing and implementing successful nutrition incentive programs that connect low-income consumers and agricultural producers, offer administrative and technological support to retailer participants to support uptake and participation in the program, and operate in at least two counties.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment, are appropriated for the same purposes for the second fiscal year of the biennium.

**68. Stroke Treatment and Response.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.10, Additional Specialty Care, is \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide funding for services provided by mobile stroke units.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, out of funds appropriated above in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, HHSC shall reimburse for tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) for treatment of stroke.

### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

**69. Prevention Outcomes.** Not later than December 1, 2026, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall report on the effectiveness of the Family Support Services (FSS) programs. Specifically, HHSC shall report the number of families served for each program, how appropriations are being expended, and whether:

- (a) Parents abuse or neglect their children while receiving /FSS services, during or up to one year after receiving services, and during or up to three years after receiving services;
- (b) Youth are referred to juvenile courts during or after services;
- (c) Protective factors in parenting have increased (based on a validated pre and post survey);
- (d) The programs focused on children ages three and under helped to reduce the number of child fatalities;
- (e) The parents receiving the services had any prior Child Protective Services involvement; and
- (f) Any other outcome measures HHSC determines are appropriate based on the Strategic Plan for /FSS pursuant to Human Resources Code, Section 137.005.

The report shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and the permanent standing committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over health and human services.

**70. At-Risk Prevention Program and Services.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy O.1.4, Other At-Risk Prevention Programs, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), shall allocate for the biennium \$3,050,000 from All Funds for competitive grant(s) to be awarded to one or more established statewide networks of community-based prevention programs that provide evidence-based programs delivered by trained full-time staff, and address conditions resulting in negative outcomes for children and youth. Any grantee selected to deliver these services must provide dollar-for-dollar matching funds. All other funding appropriated in Strategy O.1.4, Other

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At-Risk Prevention Programs, shall be used for child abuse and neglect prevention programs in accordance with the strategic plan developed by DFPS under Family Code, Section 265.005 and HHSC under Human Resources Code, Section 137.005.

- 71. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances for Prevention Programs.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, any unexpended balances appropriated above for Strategies in Goal O, Family Support Services, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 72. Curriculum for Parental Engagement and Family Preservation.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy O.1.4, Other At-Risk Prevention Program, the Health and Human Services Commission shall allocate \$325,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for a contract with a nonprofit organization with expertise in providing curriculum-based fatherhood and parental engagement services to support family preservation, at-risk families, and reunification services. Funding shall be used for personnel, training, advertising, recruitment, and other necessary costs associated with statewide expansion.
- 73. Long-Term Youth and Family Support.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy O.1.4, Other At-Risk Prevention Programs, the Health and Human Services Commission shall allocate \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to continue the program aimed at improving outcomes for children at highest risk of re-entering the child protective services system, and expand the program into at least two additional areas of the state and provide each program funding for, model support, including, but not limited to, training and technical assistance. The program shall:
- (a) Be evidence-based or incorporate promising practices;
  - (b) Be implemented in a county with a population over 800,000; and
  - (c) Aim to reduce the child's interaction with the juvenile justice system, reduce teen pregnancy and increase graduation rates over the span of the child's youth.

### FACILITIES

- 74. Behavioral Support Specialists at State Supported Living Centers.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, San Angelo State Supported Living Center and Mexia State Supported Living Center shall provide behavioral support specialists to assist the alleged offender residents with any specialized educational needs.
- 75. State Supported Living Center Oversight.**
- (a) **Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall provide notification when a state supported living center reaches substantial compliance with a section of the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement and is no longer subject to monitoring in that area. Notification shall be provided on a quarterly basis to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, and the permanent standing committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over health and human services.
  - (b) **Cost Reporting.**
    - (1) Not later than April 1 and October 1 of each fiscal year, HHSC shall provide a report detailing all monthly expenditures in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, including actual monthly expenditure data by state supported living center and support service costs. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board in a format approved by the Legislative Budget Board.
    - (2) Not later than April 1 and October 1 of each fiscal year, HHSC shall provide data on cost reductions that have occurred as a result of reductions in the State Supported Living Center system census in areas including, but not limited to, staffing and employee benefits, acute care/prescription drugs, resident support (dietary, laundry, transportation, and maintenance services), and data on the impact of the declining census on collection of Quality Assurance Fee revenue.

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- (c) **State Supported Living Center Expenditures.** Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Act, HHSC may expend additional funds above appropriations in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, only upon prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. Additional funds include funds related to collection of ID Medicare Receipts, ID Appropriated Receipts, ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance, and fees collected pursuant to the provision of SSLC services to community members, and (2) funds necessary to avoid loss of federal funding or to preserve the health, safety, and quality of life of residents.

To request authorization to expend additional funds, the agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor that includes the following information:

- (1) a detailed explanation of the reason for the need to spend additional funds; and
- (2) an estimate of the available funding to transfer to Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, and the strategy(ies) in which the funds will be made available for transfer.

This request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor issues a written disapproval within 15 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to spend additional funds and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any request for additional information from the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

**76. Maximum Security Salaries.** As a specific exception to the General Provisions of this Act governing salary rates of classified positions, funds are included above for the Health and Human Services Commission to pay employees working in designated Maximum Security Units or designated specialized Behavioral Management Units of state hospitals and state supported living centers up to a 6.8 percent increase over those salary rates provided by Article IX, Section 3.01, Salary Rates.

**77. Fire Prevention and Safety.** In instances in which regular employees of state hospitals and state supported living centers located in remote areas are assigned extra duties in fire prevention programs, the following payments are authorized in addition to the salary rates stipulated by Article IX, Section 3.01, Salary Rates, relating to the position classifications and assigned salary ranges:

Fire Chief	\$ 75 per month
Assistant Fire Chief	\$ 65 per month
Fire Brigade Member	\$ 50 per month

**78. State Hospital and State Supported Living Center Workforce.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, and Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall evaluate compensation levels, turnover and vacancy rates and patterns, use of contractors and position type, and recruiting efforts at the state hospitals and state supported living centers. HHSC shall develop recommendations to reduce turnover and vacancy rates. No later than August 31, 2026, HHSC shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor a report on the recommendations and initiatives taken to address these workforce issues.

**79. Expenditure Reporting at the State Hospitals.** No later than April 1 and October 1 of each fiscal year, the Health and Human Services Commission shall provide a report detailing all monthly expenditures in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, including actual monthly expenditure data by state hospital and other oversight costs. The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board in a format approved by the Legislative Budget Board.

**80. Language Interpreter Services.** As a specific exception to the General Provisions of this Act governing salary rates of classified positions, funds are included above for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) pay employees at the state hospitals and state supported living centers for assuming the duty of providing interpreter services to consumers whose primary language is not English, upon written authorization of the appropriate agency commissioner or his/her designee, may, from funds appropriated above, increase the salary of classified employees

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by an amount equal to a one step increase, or a 3.25 percent increase over those salary rates provided by Article IX, Section 3.01, Salary Rates. This increase shall be granted only for the regular provision of interpreter services above and beyond the regular duties of the position, and shall be removed when these services are, for whatever reason, no longer provided by the employee or when they are no longer needed by the state hospital or state supported living center. Salary increases provided for this purpose are not merit increases and shall not affect an employee's eligibility to receive a merit increase. This authorization also includes employees who provide interpreter services in American Sign Language.

- 81. Surplus Property.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 8.03, Surplus Property, of this Act, in order to conserve funds appropriated, surplus personal property may be transferred from one state hospital or state supported living center to another with or without reimbursement. The Health and Human Services Commission may transfer surplus personal property from a state hospital or state supported living center to a community center, as defined in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 534.001(a) and (b), with or without reimbursement. Surplus personal property belonging to any state hospital or state supported living center may be sold provided that such transfers or sales shall be made under the same procedure as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2175.
- 82. Patient or Client Assistance.** Subject to the approval of rules and regulations of the Health and Human Services Commission, patients or clients in any state hospital or state supported living center who are assisting in the operation of the state hospital or state supported living center as part of their therapy may receive compensation out of any funds available to the respective facilities.
- 83. Barber and Cosmetology Services.** The Health and Human Services Commission may be reimbursed for barber and cosmetology services in state hospitals and state supported living centers provided the reimbursement is consistent with an individual's ability to pay. These reimbursements are appropriated above to the agency to offset the cost of providing barber and cosmetology services. The agency may also use patient benefit funds to offset the cost of these services for indigent clients.
- 84. State-Owned Housing.** The Superintendent, Medical Director, Assistant Superintendent, and Director of Plant Maintenance at each state hospital and the Director, Medical Director, Assistant Director for Programs, and Director of Plant Maintenance at each state supported living center are authorized to live in state-owned housing at a rate determined by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). Other HHSC employees may live in state-owned housing as set forth in Article IX, Section 11.02, Reporting Related to State Owned Housing, of this Act. Fees for employee housing are appropriated above to be used for maintaining employee housing.
- 85. Donations from Individuals, Community Groups, and Volunteer Services Councils.** The Health and Human Services Commission, in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 533.001 and to the extent permitted by law, may accept donations for permanent improvements at the state hospitals and the state supported living centers from individuals, community groups, and local Volunteer Services Councils. Such funds are not subject to limitations on capital budget expenditures as contained in Article IX or any other similar provisions in this Act. Permanent improvements are defined as an improvement to a state facility that involves construction, building system(s), and/or landscaping.
- 86. On-Call Pay.** It is expressly provided that the Health and Human Services Commission, to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call time for employees at mental health state hospitals and state supported living centers, and personnel in the Regulatory Services Division at the following rates: credit for one hour of base pay worked for each day of on-call during the normal work week, and two hours of base pay worked for each day of on-call during a weekend and on holidays. This credit shall be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours and actual hours worked during on-call status. For employees subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), an hour of on-call service shall be considered to be an hour worked during the week for purposes of the FLSA only to the extent required by federal law.
- 87. State Hospital Forensic Waitlist and Census Reporting Requirement.** It is the intent of Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) prioritize admissions to mental health state hospitals for forensic patients to address the state hospital forensic waitlist.

Out of funds appropriated above, HHSC shall prepare a report on the census at each mental health state hospital with a breakdown of civil, forensic, and maximum-security patients. HHSC shall submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, Senate Finance

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Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and permanent committees in the Senate and House of Representatives with jurisdiction over health and human services by October 1 of each fiscal year for the previous fiscal year.

### OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

**88. Office of Inspector General Report.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy K.1.1, Office of Inspector General, the Office of Inspector General shall submit, on a quarterly basis, the following information related to the expansion of managed care to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor:

- (a) The challenges the Office of Inspector General is encountering in preventing, detecting, and investigating fraud, waste, and abuse throughout the entire health and human services system, including verification of services, compliance of Managed Care Organizations with program integrity requirements, quality and accuracy of encounter data, collaborative efforts with Special Investigation Units, audits of Managed Care Organizations, and any deficiencies in the agency's statutory authority;
- (b) Strategies the Office of Inspector General is implementing to address the challenges encountered in combating fraud, waste, and abuse throughout the entire health and human services system;
- (c) Average number of clients in the lock-in program in each quarter of the fiscal year and the fiscal year total in the fourth quarterly report of the fiscal year;
- (d) Total dollars identified (millions) of potential overpayments identified for recovery resulting from activities of the Office of the Inspector General;
- (e) Total number of skills trainings presented by Office of the Inspector General staff or external entities to internal staff, and trainings presented by Office of the Inspector General staff to external stakeholders; and
- (f) The number of referrals to the Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit including the fiscal year total in the fourth quarterly report of the fiscal year.

The Office of Inspector General may submit the above information in an individual report prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board or include the information in the quarterly report required pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.102.

**89. Lock-In for Controlled Substances.** Out of funds appropriated above and consistent with Texas Administrative Code, Title 1, Part 15, Chapter 354, Subchapter K, the Office of Inspector General shall collaborate with managed care organizations to maintain a lock-in program related to controlled substances to maximize savings and prevent substance abuse.

**90. Dental and Orthodontia Providers in the Texas Medicaid Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) use funds appropriated above in Strategy K.1.1, Office of the Inspector General, to strengthen the capacity of the HHSC Office of Inspector General to detect, investigate, and prosecute abuse by dentists and orthodontists who participate in the Texas Medicaid program. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that HHSC conduct more extensive reviews of medical necessity for orthodontia services in the Medicaid program.

### TEXAS CIVIL COMMITMENT OFFICE

**91. Texas Civil Commitment Office.**

- (a) **Full Time Equivalents (FTEs).** The number of FTEs for Goal M, Texas Civil Commitment Office (TCCO), is 42.0 in each year of the biennium.
- (b) Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2026, in Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, contingent upon the agency providing written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor at least 30 business days prior to making the transfer.



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- (c) **Quarterly Reports.** TCCO shall submit quarterly status reports to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor 30 business days after the end of each quarter that include the number and placement of civilly committed individuals and the number and outcome of civil commitment trials within the reporting period. Additional information shall be included at the request of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) **Appropriation Transfers Between Fiscal Years.** Notwithstanding the transfer limitations in Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and any other transfer limitations in this Act, TCCO may transfer appropriations made for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, to the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, in Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) Transfers under this rider may be made only if expenditures to supervise and treat civilly committed individuals exceed the funds appropriated for these services due to higher than anticipated caseloads in fiscal year 2026, including to cover expenditures to provide health care not covered under contract; and
  - (2) A transfer authorized by this rider must receive prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor.
- (e) **Appropriation Transfers Between Strategies.** Notwithstanding the transfer limitations in Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, and any other transfer limitations in this Act, TCCO may make a one-time transfer from Strategy M.1.2, TCCO Administration, to Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office, to provide for the supervision and treatment of civilly committed individuals. TCCO is required to submit a notification to the Legislative Budget Board and Office of the Governor of a transfer authorized by this rider at least 30 business days prior to making the transfer. TCCO shall make a one-time adjustment to transfers made under this section if funds moved from Strategy M.1.2, TCCO Administration, exceed the amount needed to be transferred to Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office. TCCO shall provide notification to the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Office of the Governor if a one-time adjustment described in this section is made.
- (f) **Health Care Costs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office, is \$6,024,242 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,325,454 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for TCCO to provide health care not covered under contract to civilly committed residents of a housing facility either operated by or contracted for by TCCO. TCCO shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor on medical costs covered under contract for the Texas Civil Commitment Center, and health care costs that are not covered under contract within 60 business days of the end of each fiscal quarter. The format and content of the report shall be prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

### TEXAS PHARMACEUTICAL INITIATIVE

#### 92. Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative (TPI).

- (a) **Full Time Equivalent (FTEs).** The number of FTEs for Goal N, Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative, is 25.6 in each year of the biennium.
- (b) **Unexpended Balances.**
  - (1) Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2025, in Strategy O.1.1, Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative, in the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, in Strategy N.1.1, Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative.
  - (2) Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2026, in Strategy N.1.1, Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, contingent upon TPI providing written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor at least 30 calendar days prior to making the transfer.

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- (c) **Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative Report.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy N.1.1, Texas Pharmaceutical Initiative, TPI shall submit on a quarterly basis, within 30 calendar days of the end of each fiscal quarter, the following information to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor:

- (1) Information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected funds and FTEs, by strategy and method of finance from the previous fiscal quarter;
- (2) Narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, progress on active business plan operations, and other items as appropriate from the previous fiscal quarter; and
- (3) Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor.

TPI shall submit the above information in an individual report prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

- (d) **Sunset Contingency.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for TPI are made contingent on the continuation of TPI by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, 2025. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of agency operations.

### REVENUE

**93. Vendor Drug Rebates and Report.** All references in this rider to rebate revenue refer to vendor drug rebates as well as supplemental rebates earned via the preferred drug lists (methods of finance include Vendor Drug Rebates-Medicaid No. 706, Vendor Drug Rebates-CHIP No. 8070, Vendor Drug Rebates-Supplemental Rebates No. 8081, and Vendor Drug Rebates-Public Health No. 8046).

- (a) **Rebates as a First Source of Funding.** As rebates are generated, expenditures to support prescription drugs in Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Healthy Texas Women (HTW), Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN), and Kidney Health Care (KHC) shall be made from rebate revenues. In the event rebate revenues are not available for expenditure, appropriations from the General Revenue Fund may be used to support prescription drug expenditures until rebate revenues are available.
- (b) **Appropriation of Medicaid and CHIP Rebates.** In addition to rebate revenues appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, and C.1.1, CHIP, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is appropriated Medicaid and CHIP vendor drug rebates generated in excess of those amounts, subject to the following requirements:
- (1) Vendor drug rebates shall be expended prior to utilization of any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund available for the purpose of Medicaid and CHIP prescription drugs.
  - (2) In the event appropriations from the General Revenue Fund has been expended prior to the receipt of vendor drug rebates, HHSC shall reimburse General Revenue. HHSC shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund with vendor drug rebates on a monthly basis.
  - (3) Program Benefit Agreement revenues collected in lieu of state supplemental rebates will be expended prior to utilization of any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund available for the purpose of the Medicaid program specified in the Agreement.
- (c) **Appropriation of HTW, CSHCN, and KHC Rebates.** In addition to rebate revenue appropriated above in Strategies D.1.1, Women's Health Programs; D.1.7, Children with Special Needs; and D.1.9, Kidney Health Care, HHSC is appropriated vendor drug rebates generated in excess of those amounts, subject to the following requirements:
- (1) Vendor drug rebates shall be expended prior to utilization of any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund appropriated for the purpose of operating the HTW, CSHCN, and KHC programs.

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- (2) In the event appropriations from the General Revenue Fund are expended prior to the receipts of vendor drug rebates, HHSC shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund. HHSC shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund with vendor drug rebates on a monthly basis.
- (3) In the event HHSC expends vendor drug rebates in excess of amounts appropriated above in Strategies D.1.1, Women's Health Programs; D.1.7, Children with Special Needs; and D.1.9, Kidney Health Care, General Revenue Fund appropriations are reduced by a like amount.
- (d) **Limited Use of Rebates.** Rebates generated by a specific program shall only be used for that specific program.
- (e) **Performance Reporting for the Prescription Drug Rebate Program.** HHSC shall report on an annual basis the following information to the Legislative Budget Board, the State Auditor's Office, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Office of the Governor: the outstanding prescription drug rebate balances for the Medicaid, CHIP, HTW, CSHCN, and KHC. The report shall include rebate principal and interest outstanding, age of receivables, and annual collection rates. The reports shall specify amounts billed, dollar value of pricing and utilization adjustments, and dollars collected. HHSC shall report these data on each fiscal year for which the Prescription Drug Rebate program has collected rebates and also on a cumulative basis for the last five fiscal years.

**94. Appropriation: Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Rebates.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.2, Provide WIC Services, is all rebate revenue earned via the WIC Program and deposited in Account No. 8148, WIC Rebates (Other Funds) using the Comptroller of Public Accounts 'Revenue Object Code No. 3597. Any WIC Rebates revenue collected above the amount appropriated each fiscal year is appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose. Amounts appropriated by this section shall be used to administer the WIC program in accordance with applicable federal law.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances of rebate revenue remaining as of August 31, 2025, in Account No. 8148, WIC Rebates, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

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

### 95. Subrogation Receipts.

- (a) **Medicaid Subrogation Receipts (State Share).** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, are Medicaid Subrogation Receipts. For the purposes of this provision, Medicaid Subrogation Receipts are defined as tort settlements related to the Medicaid program and are to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund, as third-party reimbursements. The use of the state's share of Medicaid Subrogation Receipts is limited to funding services for Medicaid clients. Medicaid Subrogation Receipts shall be expended as they are received as a first source, and the General Revenue Fund shall be used as a second source, to support the Medicaid program. In the event that these revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of finance above as Other Funds-Medicaid Subrogation Receipts (State Share) No. 8044, the commission is appropriated and authorized to expend these Other Funds, subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue Fund appropriations available for the same purposes;
  - (2) In the event the General Revenue Fund appropriations have been expended prior to the receipt of the state's share of Medicaid Subrogation Receipts, the commission shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis in order to prevent accumulation of Medicaid Subrogation Receipt balances.
- (b) **Comprehensive Rehabilitation Subrogation Receipts.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy F.2.3, Comprehensive Rehabilitation (CRS), are Subrogation Receipts. For the purposes of this provision, Subrogation Receipts are defined as tort settlements related to the Comprehensive Rehabilitation program and are to be deposited

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into the General Revenue Fund, as third-party reimbursements. The use of Subrogation Receipts is limited to funding services for Comprehensive Rehabilitation clients. Subrogation Receipts shall be expended as they are received as a first source, and the General Revenue Fund shall be used as a second source, to support the Comprehensive Rehabilitation program. In the event that these revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of finance above as Other Funds-Subrogation Receipts No. 8052, the commission is appropriated and authorized to expend these Other Funds, subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue Fund appropriation available for the same purposes;
- (2) In the event General Revenue Fund appropriations have been expended prior to the receipt of the state's share of Comprehensive Rehabilitation Subrogation Receipts, the commission shall reimburse the General Revenue Fund. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis.

**96. Revolving Fund Services: Canteen Services and Work Centers.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$626,442 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, and \$2,257,591 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, shall be allocated for the operation of canteen and on-campus work centers. The Health and Human Services Commission shall provide information on related revenues, balances, contracts and profits to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor and Comptroller of Public Accounts. These revenues, expenditures and balances shall be reported and included in agency Monthly Financial Reports. The timetable, format and content for additional monthly reports related to canteen operations and on-campus work centers shall be prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board.

**97. Appropriation of Donations: Blindness Education Screening and Treatment.** Included in the amounts above in Strategy F.2.2, Blindness Education, Screening, and Treatment (BEST) Program, is \$430,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year for the BEST Program, contingent upon the generation of funds through donations. Revenues received from donations made in the biennium, in amounts not to exceed \$860,000 as provided by Transportation Code, Section 521.421 (j) or Section 521.422 (b), are appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for purposes related to the BEST Program. Any revenue collected in the BEST Program above the amount appropriated each fiscal year is appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, and any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**98. Mental Health (MH) and Intellectual Disability (ID) Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance.**

- (a) **Definition.** For the purposes of this section and appropriation authority for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):
  - (1) MH Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance are defined as reimbursements received for services provided to individuals in state mental health hospitals; and
  - (2) ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance are defined as reimbursements received for services provided to individuals in state operated intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) and state supported living centers (SSLCs) deposited by HHSC into the following Revenue Object Codes as defined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts:
    - (A) 3595: Medical Assistance Cost Recovery
    - (B) 3606: Support and Maintenance of Patients
    - (C) 3618: Welfare/MHMR Service Fees (Child Support)

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- (b) Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) Method of Financing Code 8031- MH Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance, and ABEST Method of Financing Code 8095 - ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance, shall be used to report expenditures and request legislative appropriations for state mental health hospitals and SSLCs from the Revenue Object Codes identified above.
- (c) **Appropriation authority and accounting for expenditures of MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance.** HHSC may receive and expend MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance as a first source, and General Revenue shall be used as a second source, to support mental health state hospitals, state-operated ICFs/IID, and SSLCs. In the event that these revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of financing above as MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance, HHSC is appropriated and authorized to expend these state funds made available, subject to approval through Rider 75, State Supported Living Center Oversight, if applicable. The expenditure of MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance is subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue available for the same purpose;
  - (2) In the event General Revenue has been expended prior to the receipt of MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance, HHSC shall reimburse General Revenue upon receipt of the revenue. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis in order to maintain a minimum balance on hand in excess MH and ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance.

### 99. Mental Health (MH) and Intellectual Disability (ID) Appropriated Receipts.

- (a) **Definition.** For the purposes of this section and appropriation authority for the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), MH Appropriated Receipts are defined as revenues from state mental health hospitals, and ID Appropriated Receipts are defined as revenues from state supported living centers (SSLCs) deposited by the commission into the following Revenue Object Codes as defined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts:
  - (1) 3628: Dormitory, Cafeteria and Merchandise Sales
  - (2) 3719: Fees for Copies or Filing of Records
  - (3) 3722: Conference, Seminar, and Training Registration Fees
  - (4) 3738: Grants - Cities/Counties
  - (5) 3739: Grants - Other Political Subdivisions
  - (6) 3740: Gifts/Grants/Donations-Non-Operating Revenue/Program Revenue - Operating Grants and Contributions
  - (7) 3747: Rental - Other
  - (8) 3750: Sale of Furniture and Equipment
  - (9) 3752: Sale of Publications/Advertising (General)
  - (10) 3754: Other Surplus or Salvage Property/Material Sales
  - (11) 3767: Supplies/Equipment/Services - Federal/Other (General)
  - (12) 3769: Forfeitures
  - (13) 3773: Insurance Recovery in Subsequent Years
  - (14) 3802: Reimbursements-Third Party
  - (15) 3806: Rental of Housing to State Employees
- (b) **Reporting.** Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) Method of Financing Code 8033 - MH Appropriated Receipts, and ABEST Method of Financing Code 8096 - ID Appropriated Receipts, shall be used to report expenditures and request legislative appropriations for state mental health hospitals and SSLCs from the Revenue Object Codes identified above.
- (c) **Appropriation authority and accounting for expenditures of MH and ID Appropriated Receipts.** Amounts defined as MH and ID Appropriated Receipts shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund according to the identified Revenue Object Codes above. HHSC may receive and expend MH and ID Appropriated Receipts as a first source, and General Revenue shall be used as a second source. In the event that these revenues should be greater than the amounts identified in the method of financing above as MH and ID Appropriated Receipts, HHSC is appropriated and authorized to expend these state funds made available,

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subject to approval through Rider 75, State Supported Living Center Oversight, if applicable. The expenditure of MH and ID Appropriated Receipts is subject to the following requirements:

- (1) Amounts available shall be expended prior to utilization of any General Revenue available for the same purpose. In the event General Revenue must be expended, the agency will provide prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor; and
- (2) In the event General Revenue has been expended prior to the receipt of MH and ID Appropriated Receipts as defined above, HHSC shall reimburse General Revenue upon receipt of the revenue. This process shall be completed on a monthly basis in order to maintain a minimum balance on hand in excess MH and ID Appropriated Receipts.

### 100. Mental Health (MH) and Intellectual Disability (ID) Medicare Receipts.

- (a) **Definition.** For the purposes of this section and appropriation authority, MH and ID Medicare Receipts are classified as deposits in Revenue Object Code 3634 that are collected by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) as payment for:
  - (1) hospital, physician and other services rendered to Medicare-eligible individuals in state hospitals and state supported living centers operated by the commission;
  - (2) cost settlements for services rendered in state hospitals and state supported living centers operated by the commission as authorized by the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA); and
  - (3) prescription drugs reimbursed through the Medicare, Part D, prescription drug program.
- (b) **Accounting and Reporting.** Amounts defined as MH and ID Medicare Receipts shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund according to the identified Comptroller of Public Accounts Revenue Object Code above.
- (c) **Mental Health Medicare Receipts.** Included in the General Revenue Funds appropriated above to HHSC in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, is \$6,061,371 in each fiscal year, contingent upon generation of funds from MH Medicare Receipts collections. These funds shall be expended as collected and only within Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals. Appropriations made elsewhere in this Act for employee benefits include approximately \$938,629 per year from MH Medicare Receipts. MH Medicare Receipts collections above \$7,000,000 per year (excluding any amounts needed to comply with Article IX, Section 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance) are appropriated as Method of Financing Code 8034 - MH Medicare Receipts (General Revenue Funds) to the commission for expenditures in Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, pursuant to the limitations of this provision.
- (d) **Intellectual Disability Medicare Receipts.** Included in the GR Match for Medicaid Funds appropriated above to HHSC in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, is \$16,350,000 in each fiscal year, contingent upon generation of funds from ID Medicare Receipts collections. These funds shall be expended as collected and only within Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers. Appropriations made elsewhere in this Act for employee benefits include approximately \$2,336,698 per year from ID Medicare Receipts. ID Medicare Receipts collections above \$18,686,698 per year (excluding any amounts needed to comply with Article IX, Section 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance) are appropriated as Method of Financing Code 8097 - ID Medicare Receipts (General Revenue Funds) to HHSC for expenditures in Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers, pursuant to the limitations of this provision, and subject to approval through Rider 75, State Supported Living Center Oversight, if applicable.

### 101. Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543.

- (a) **Definition.** For the purposes of this section and appropriation authority, General Revenue-Dedicated Funds referred to as Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543 (Government Code, Chapter 2201) are defined as revenues deposited by the Health and Human Services Commission into the following Revenue Object Codes as defined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts:

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- (1) 3340: Land Easements
- (2) 3341: Grazing Lease Rental
- (3) 3344: Sand, Shell, Gravel, Timber Sales
- (4) 3349: Land Sales
- (5) 3746: Rental of Lands/Miscellaneous Land Income
- (6) 3747: Rental - Other
- (7) 3851: Interest on State Deposits and Treasury Investments - General, Non-Program

- (b) **Appropriation authority and accounting for Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543.** For the purpose of revenue classification for expending and depositing certain collections related to the Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543, ABEST Method of Finance Code 543 shall be used to report expenditures and request legislative appropriations from collections/deposits made by the commission to the identified Revenue Object Codes above. Appropriations of the Texas Capital Trust Fund Account No. 543 are limited to the amounts identified above.

**102. Collection of Fees from the Copyright of Training Materials and Patent of Technologies Developed.** Pursuant to the Health and Safety Code, Section 12.020, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may collect the following fees relating to mental health and intellectual disability program activities:

- (a) Fees from the sale of written training materials, video tapes, audio tapes and in the form of electronic media, such materials having been developed in part or whole by HHSC; and
- (b) Licensing fees collected by HHSC in exchange for allowing individuals and companies to use any patented technology developed, in part or in whole, by HHSC.

HHSC may license the use of any copyright-protected material, trademark, trade secrets, and any patented technology relating to mental health or intellectual disability program activities. The authorization provided under this provision does not include any mineral royalties. Fees collected in the sale of training materials described under (a) above may be in excess of the actual reproduction cost incurred by HHSC and shall be used to recoup the costs associated with developing the training materials. Fifty percent of the fees collected in licensing of any patented technology shall be devoted to further research and development of technologies reasonably believed to be of assistance to priority populations. The remaining 50 percent shall be deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

**103. Appropriation: Contingent Revenue.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is appropriated for the purposes identified below any additional revenue generated by HHSC above the amounts identified in fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' (CPA) Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE) for each of the accounts or revenue objects identified below. An appropriation from an account or revenue object shall be made available to HHSC once certified by a finding of fact, from the CPA, that the amount in the BRE for the account or revenue object for the given fiscal year has been exceeded. An appropriation is limited to revenue generated in fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 and does not include any balances that have accrued in the account or revenue object code.

By March 1 of each fiscal year, HHSC may notify the CPA, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Office of the Governor of the amount that HHSC projects will be received in excess of the amounts contained in the BRE for each of the accounts or revenue objects identified below, along with sufficient information to reflect how the estimate was determined. If the CPA finds the information sufficient to support the projection of additional revenue, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued to reflect the additional revenue available for each account.

- (a) Revenue Object 3562 in the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of regulating chemical dependency counselors.
- (b) Account No. 129, Hospital Licensing, for the purpose of regulating health care facilities.
- (c) Revenue Object Code 3562 in the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of interpreter testing and certification.

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**104. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the programs listed in the table below shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategies F.2.4, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, H.1.1, Facility/Community-Based Regulation, and H.3.1, Health Care Professionals and Other, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with these programs. Direct costs for these programs are estimated to be \$13,411,825 for fiscal year 2026 and \$13,411,825 for fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$3,609,403 for fiscal year 2026 and \$3,609,547 for fiscal year 2027.

- (a) This rider shall apply to revenue generated in the following strategies and deposited under the following revenue codes or account numbers.

Strategy	Revenue Object Code
F.2.4, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services	Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support the Interpreter Certification Program in Strategy F.2.4, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Code: 3562 (Health Related Professional Fees for Interpreters for Persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing).
H.1.1, Facility/Community-Based Regulation	129 Hospital Licensing  373 Freestanding Emergency Medical Facility Licensing  5018 Home Health Services  Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support the Health Care Facilities Program in Strategy H.1.1, Facility/Community-Based Regulation, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Codes: 3180 (Health Regulation Fees, for Special Care Facilities); and 3557 (Health Care Facilities Fees, for Abortion Clinics, Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Birthing Centers, End Stage Renal Disease Facilities, Chemical Dependency Facilities, and Drug Abuse Treatment Facilities).
H.3.1, Health Care Professionals and Other	Fees deposited into the General Revenue Fund to support Strategy H.3.1, Health Care Professionals and Other, including fees deposited under the following Revenue Codes: 3175 (Professional Fees, for Health Services Providers); 3557 (Health Care Facilities Fees for Convalescent and Nursing Facilities); 3562 (Health Related Professional Fees, for Chemical Dependency Counselors).

- (b) This appropriation is contingent upon the agency assessing fees sufficient to generate revenue to cover the General Revenue Fund appropriations for the programs identified above as well as the related "other direct and indirect costs". In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision,



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the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

### 105. Texas.Gov Authority Appropriation.

- (a) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is authorized in accordance with Government Code, Section 2054.252 to increase the occupational license, permit, and registration fees imposed on licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee charged by the Texas.Gov Authority.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above to HHSC include \$43,711 in each fiscal year in revenue in Strategy H.4.1, Texas.Gov, for the purpose of paying Texas.Gov subscription fees.
- (c) In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections from fee increases to cover the cost of Texas.Gov subscription fees are insufficient to offset the costs identified above, the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) is directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to HHSC to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.
- (d) For new licensing applications, HHSC is appropriated the additional revenue generated from occupational license, permit, or registration fees in excess of the CPA's biennial revenue estimate for the 2026-27 biennium for the sole purpose of payment to the Texas.Gov Authority contractor of subscription fees for implementing and maintaining electronic services for the commission. HHSC, upon completion of necessary actions to access or increase fees, shall furnish an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the CPA. If the CPA finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purposes.
- (e) HHSC shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the CPA in writing upon receiving an exemption from participating in Texas.Gov. Within 45 calendar days of receiving an exemption, the commission shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the CPA with a report of the effective date, the reason for exemption, and all estimated expenditures for Texas.Gov costs in the fiscal year in which the exemption is made.

**106. Appropriation: State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy G.3.1, Other Facilities, is \$325,610 in State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts Account No. 707 in each fiscal year. For the purpose of this provision, State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts are defined as third-party collections collected by the Rio Grande State Center Outpatient Clinic that are deposited by the Health and Human Services Commission in Revenue Object Code 3595, Medical Assistance Recovery. The use of State Chest Hospital Fees and Receipts are limited to reimbursement of services provided by the Rio Grande State Center Outpatient Clinic.

## TRANSFERS

### 107. Limitations on Transfer Authority.

- (a) **Transfer Limitations.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, and Article II, Special Provisions Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority, transfers between strategies of funds and full-time equivalents (FTEs) appropriated by this Act to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall be governed by the specific limitations included in this rider.
- (b) **Notification and Request Requirements.** Authority granted by this rider to transfer funding or FTEs without written approval is contingent upon a written notification from HHSC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office at least 30 business days prior to the transfer. To request a transfer requiring written approval, HHSC shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office and provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA).

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Written notifications and requests for approval shall include the following information:

- (1) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the transfer and whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
  - (2) the names of the originating and receiving strategies and the method of financing and FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
  - (3) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for both the originating and receiving strategies; and
  - (4) the capital budget impact, if relevant.
- (c) **Strategies Requiring Approval.** Transfers of any amount may not be made into or out of the following strategies without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office:
- (1) Strategies in Goal A, Medicaid;
  - (2) Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration;
  - (3) Strategy C.1.1, CHIP;
  - (4) Strategy D.1.1, Women's Health Programs;
  - (5) Strategy D.1.3, ECI Services;
  - (6) Strategy G.1.1, State Supported Living Centers;
  - (7) Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals; and
  - (8) Strategies in Goal L, System Oversight & Program Support.
- (d) **Thriving Texas Families Transfer Limitation.** HHSC may not make any transfers out of Strategy D.1.2, Thriving Texas Families.
- (e) **Transfer Limitations for Other Strategies.** For transfers between strategies not limited by Sections (c) or (d), HHSC may not make any transfers that exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20.0 percent of the originating strategy and FTE adjustments of more than 10.0 FTEs in total for either fiscal year or transfers of capital budget authority that exceed \$500,000 without written approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.
- (f) **Additional Authority.** Notwithstanding the above limitations, transfers described in this Section shall be governed by the specific limitations described below.
- (1) **Contingency Fees.** Contingent on revenues generated from certain contingency or Recovery Audit Contractor based contracts in the Medicaid program exceeding the amounts assumed in appropriations above as Medicaid Subrogation Receipts Account No. 8044 in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, transfers may be made from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, solely to provide for an increase in contingency fees for a contract resulting from higher than anticipated revenue collections. This authority is limited to contracts that result in revenue collections that are deposited as Medicaid Subrogation Receipts Account No. 8044 and shall not be used to increase the percentage of revenue collections retained by a contractor pursuant to existing contracts and applicable state and federal law. HHSC shall provide written notification of all transfers to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office within 30 calendar days of making a transfer.
  - (2) **Internal Transfer Authority for Goal L, System Oversight & Program Support.** Transfers may be made between the following strategies in Goal L, System Oversight & Program Support with prior written notification pursuant to Subsection (b) of this rider.
  - (3) **Cash Management.** HHSC may temporarily utilize funds appropriated in Goals A, Medicaid Client Services, and C, CHIP Client Services, for cash flow purposes. All funding used in this manner shall be promptly returned to the originating strategy. This authorization is subject to limitations established by the CPA.

The CPA shall not allow the transfer of funds authorized by any of the above subsections if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the CPA that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

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- (g) **Transfer Authority for Medicaid Waiver Programs.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers; Article II, Special Provisions, Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority; and limitations elsewhere in this provision; HHSC may transfer funds from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to meet the targeted number of end-of-year waiver slots identified in Rider 21, Informational Listing: End-of-Year Waiver Slots Funding, for each waiver program subject to the specific limitations included in this subsection.
- (1) Transfers may be made from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to the following strategies, solely to cover costs that exceed appropriations identified in Rider 21, Informational Listing: End-of-Year Waiver Slots Funding, to meet the targeted number of end-of-year waiver slots for each waiver program:
- (A) A.2.1, Home and Community-based Services (HCS);
  - (B) A.2.2, Community Living Assistance (CLASS);
  - (C) A.2.3, Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities; and
  - (D) A.2.4, Texas Home Living Waiver.
- (2) Notwithstanding Rider 11, Medically Dependent Children Program and Youth Empowerment Services Waivers, and any other provision of this act that may limit reallocation of funds within Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, for the Medically Dependent Children and STAR+PLUS Home and Community-based Services Program, HHSC may use funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1 to cover costs that exceed appropriations to meet the targeted number of end-of-year waiver slots for the subset of the waiver population that is subject to an interest list.
- (3) Authority granted by Subsection (b) to transfer funds is contingent upon a written notification from HHSC to the Legislative Budget Board and Office of the Governor within 30 business days of the transfer and shall include the following information about the transfer:
- (A) The names of the originating and receiving strategies and the method of financing for each strategy by fiscal year; and
  - (B) A comparison to targets included in this Act for the receiving strategy related to average monthly cost per individual served.
- (h) **Disaster Transfers.** In the case of disaster or other emergency, this provision is superseded by the emergency-related transfer authority in Article IX of this Act.

**108. Appropriation and Unexpended Balances: Affordable Housing for the Elderly.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy F.1.2, Non-Medicaid Services, are fees collected pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 394.902, for the purpose of promoting affordable housing for the elderly (estimated to be \$454,000 for the biennium).

Any unexpended balances in fees collected to promote affordable housing for the elderly remaining as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriation made in Strategy F.1.2, Non-Medicaid Services, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**109. Appropriation Transfers between Fiscal Years.** In addition to authority provided elsewhere in this Act and in order to provide for unanticipated events that increase costs associated with providing services to eligible clients in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, or Goal C, CHIP Client Services, HHSC may transfer General Revenue from funds appropriated in all Strategies in Goals A or C in the second fiscal year of the biennium to the first fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of providing services to eligible clients.

- (a) A transfer authorized by this rider must receive the prior written approval of the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. The request must be received during the first fiscal year of the biennium. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget

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Board or the Office of the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to transfer the funds and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Any requests or additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- (b) HHSC shall make a one-time adjustment to transfers made under this section if funds moved from the second fiscal year of the biennium exceed the amount needed in the first fiscal year of the biennium. HHSC shall provide notification to the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Office of the Governor if a one-time adjustment described in this section is made.
- (c) Notwithstanding Rider 91, Texas Civil Commitment Office; Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article II, Special Provisions, Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority; and Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfer, the transfer requested under subsection (a) of this rider may include a request to transfer appropriations in all Strategies in Goals A or C in the second fiscal year of the biennium to the first fiscal year of the biennium to Strategy M.1.1, Texas Civil Commitment Office, to provide for unanticipated events that increase costs associated with providing health care not covered under contract to civilly committed residents of a housing facility either operated by or contracted for by the Texas Civil Commitment Office. A transfer authorized by this subsection must follow the same submission and approval requirements of subsection (a) of this rider.

**110. Additional Funding Sources, Medicaid.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, if the appropriations provided for a Medicaid program are not sufficient to provide for expenditures mandated by either state or federal law, after accounting for any appropriations made to the agency operating the Medicaid program, and available for transfer to the Medicaid program, the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor may provide for and are authorized to direct the transfer of sufficient amounts of funds to the Health and Human Services Commission from appropriations made elsewhere in this Act.

**111. Unexpended Balances: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in Strategy F.2.4, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, for interpreter certification fees for the purpose of developing evaluation materials, validating interpreter evaluation materials, and expenses related to the Board for Evaluation of Interpreters are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 (estimated to be \$0).

**112. Unexpended Construction Balances.**

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) are unexpended and unobligated balances for construction, repairs and renovations, and deferred maintenance at the state hospitals and State Supported Living Centers remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) for the 2026-27 biennium in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renovation.

Any unexpended balances described herein and remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to HHSC for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

- (b) HHSC shall submit a report by March 1 and September 1 of each fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor. The report shall include actual expenditures of construction appropriations in the previous fiscal biennium and planned expenditures in the current fiscal biennium. The report shall provide the information by project and facility.

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### 113. State Owned Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account.

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.3.1, Indigent Health Care Reimbursement (UTMB), is \$439,443 from General Revenue - Dedicated State Owned Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Account No. 5049 ("Account"), in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose set out in Subsection (b). Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2026, in Strategy D.3.1, Indigent Health Care Reimbursement (UTMB), are appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, subject to HHSC notifying the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor in writing at least 30 calendar days prior to budgeting and expending these balances.
- (b) Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.3.1, Indigent Health Care Reimbursement (UTMB), may be used to reimburse the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB) for the provision of health care services provided to indigent patients from all counties, except that it may be used for indigent patients from Galveston, Brazoria, Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, and Jefferson counties only if those counties' County Indigent Health Care income eligibility levels, or those counties' hospital district income eligibility levels, exceed the statutory minimum set for the County Indigent Health Care Program.
- (c) Upon presentation of information supporting UTMB's claim, HHSC shall reimburse UTMB for the health care services provided to indigent patients from the Account established for this purpose. The reimbursement from the Account shall be based upon a rate equal to 90 percent of the Medicaid fee-for-service rate in effect at the time of service for UTMB. This reimbursement shall be made monthly upon the submission to HHSC of a statement of the care provided by UTMB to indigent patients, according to the terms set out in subsection (b). UTMB may charge patient co-payment amounts for providing health care services; however, UTMB is not entitled to reimbursement from the Account for these co-payment amounts. The Office of the State Auditor may periodically review the statements submitted to HHSC for reimbursement from the Account, as well as the disbursement there from, to verify compliance with the criteria established within this rider.

### 114. Disposition of Appropriation Transfers from State-owned Hospitals.

- (a) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall use the sums transferred from state owned hospitals as provided elsewhere in this Article as necessary to apply for appropriate matching Federal Funds and to provide the state's share of disproportionate share payments and uncompensated care payments authorized under the federal Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver. Any amounts of such transferred funds not required for these payments shall be deposited by HHSC to the General Revenue Fund as unappropriated revenue.
- (b) If a state owned hospital as provided elsewhere in this Article is eligible and chooses to participate in a hospital directed payment program authorized under the federal Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver, and the amount of funds deposited by HHSC under paragraph (a) of this provision is not equivalent to the amount deposited in the second fiscal year of the previous biennium based on the non-enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages, HHSC shall calculate the difference and provide notice to the state-owned hospital, the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Office of the Governor.
- (c) By October 1 of each fiscal year, HHSC shall present a schedule of projected transfers and payments to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Office of the Governor, and the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall process all payments and transfers, unless disapproved or modified by the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor

### 115. Unexpended Balances: Social Services Block Grant Funds. As the single state agency for the Social Services Block Grant, the Health and Human Services Commission shall coordinate with other agencies appropriated Social Services Block Grant funds and shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor by October 15 of each fiscal year the actual amount of federal Social Services Block Grant funds expended and the actual amount of unexpended and unobligated balances.

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Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Office of the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The notification and information provided shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

### **116. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances: Funds Recouped from Local Authorities.**

Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, any state funds appropriated for fiscal year 2026 recouped by the Health and Human Services Commission from a local mental health authority, local behavioral health authority, or local intellectual and developmental disability authority for failing to fulfill its performance contract with the State, are appropriated to the agency, to reallocate to other local authorities in fiscal year 2027.

HHSC shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor by December 15, 2026, that includes the amount of the recoupment by strategy, the reasons for the recoupment, the local authorities involved, any performance contract requirements that were not met, and the purposes of the reallocation.

### **117. Transfer Authority: Home and Community-Based Services-Adult Mental Health.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.3, Behavioral Health Waiver and Plan Amendment, is \$17,459,250 from the General Revenue Fund and \$16,406,146 from Federal Funds (\$33,865,396 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$17,719,734 from the General Revenue Fund and \$16,657,918 from Federal Funds (\$34,377,652 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for the Home and Community-based Services-Adult Mental Health (HCBS-AMH) program.
- (b) Notwithstanding Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority, Article II, Special Provisions Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority, and Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfers, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may transfer funds from Strategies in Goal A, Medicaid Client Services, to Strategy D.2.3, Behavioral Health Waiver and Plan Amendment, if HHSC determines that there is a demand based on program utilization.
- (c) Transfers under the authority in Subsection (b) of this rider may be made only for the Home and Community-based Services-Adult Mental Health program.
- (d) Authority granted by this rider to transfer funds is contingent upon a written notification from HHSC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor within 30 business days of making a transfer.

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**118. Accounting of Indirect Support Costs.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall establish separate accounts from which certain indirect support costs shall be paid. The Health and Human Services Commission may make transfers into these separate accounts from line item strategies in order to pay for these expenses in an efficient and effective manner. Only costs not directly attributable to a single program may be budgeted in or paid from these accounts. Items to be budgeted in and paid from these accounts include but are not limited to: postage, occupancy costs, equipment repair, telephones, office printing costs, supplies, freight and transport costs, telephone system costs and salary and travel costs of staff whose function supports several programs. The commission shall be responsible for quarterly allocations of these costs to the original strategies.

**119. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above - not to exceed a total of \$242,532 each fiscal year, is limited to the following advisory committees: Hospital Payment Advisory Committee, Medical Care Advisory Committee, State Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee, Intellectual and Developmental Disability System Redesign Advisory Committee, Drug Utilization Review Board, Behavioral Health Advisory Committee, Perinatal Advisory Council, Policy Council for Children and Families, Nursing Facility Administrators Advisory Committee, Early Childhood Intervention Advisory Council, Board for Evaluation of Interpreters Advisory Committee, Joint Committee on Access and Forensic Services, Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council, Texas Medical Disclosure Panel, Aging and Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee, Aging Texas Well Advisory Committee, Texas Brain Injury Advisory Council, Chronic Kidney Disease Task Force, and Texas Respite Advisory Committee.

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To the maximum extent possible, the Health and Human Services Commission shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

- 120. Reimbursement of Advisory Council Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 531.0051, reimbursement of travel expenses for Health and Human Services Executive Council members, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy L.2.1, Central Program Support, is authorized such that the sum total of all reimbursements for members of the Council shall not exceed \$13,200 per fiscal year, at the rates specified in the general provisions of this Act.
- 121. Guardianship Services.** Out of the funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission shall pay guardianship program caseworkers, supervisors and directors an amount not to exceed \$50 per month for work-related use of personal cellular telephones.
- 122. Revolving Account for the Consolidated Health and Human Services Print Shop.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) establish and maintain the "Revolving Account for the Consolidated Health and Human Services Print Shop" to account for the expenditures, revenues, and balances of managing a full-cost recovery Consolidated Print Shop. The expenditures, revenues, and balances included above for this operation shall be maintained separately by HHSC within its accounting system. These funds can only be used for the purpose of managing the consolidated print shop.
- Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in Strategy L.2.1, Central Program Support, for the Consolidated Print Shop are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended balances in Strategy L.2.1, Central Program Support, for the Consolidated Print Shop, remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing cash flow stability for Print Shop activities.
- 123. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Affiliate Agreements.** To the extent allowable by law, no funds appropriated under this Act may be expended to reimburse the costs of a federally qualified health center (FQHC) for services performed or provided by a provider or group of providers pursuant to an affiliation agreement executed between the FQHC and provider unless the Health and Human Services Commission determines the reimbursement complies with criteria promulgated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or administrative rules adopted by the commission.
- 124. Efficiencies at Local Mental Health Authorities and Intellectual Disability Authorities.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall ensure that the local mental health authorities and local intellectual disability authorities that receive allocations from the funds appropriated above to HHSC shall maximize the dollars available to provide services by minimizing overhead and administrative costs and achieving purchasing efficiencies. The Legislature also intends that each state agency which enters into a contract with or makes a grant to local authorities does so in a manner that promotes the maximization of third party billing opportunities, including to Medicare and Medicaid.
- Funds appropriated above to HHSC in Strategies I.2.1, Community Services Admin & Access, and F.1.3, Non-Medicaid IDD Community Services, may not be used to supplement the rate-based payments incurred by local intellectual disability authorities to provide waiver or ICF/IID services.
- 125. Transfer for Health Professions Council.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy H.3.1, Health Care Professionals and Other, an amount equal to \$11,599 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year shall be used for transfer to, and expenditure by, the Health Professions Council as the pro-rated assessment of the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit of the Health and Human Services Commission.
- 126. Staffing in Lieu of Contracted Responsibilities.** Notwithstanding the provisions in Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels, if the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) determines that a service performed under a contract as of the effective date of this Act would be more effectively performed by state personnel, the executive commissioner may adjust the agency's full-time equivalent (FTE) limitation to the extent necessary to ensure the successful assumption of such contracted duties and to comply with federal performance standards.

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Authority granted by this provision is contingent upon a written notification from HHSC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor at least 30 calendar days prior to adjusting budgeted FTE levels that includes the following information:

- (a) a detailed explanation of the adjustments to the affected contract and the reason(s) for the adjustment;
- (b) the estimated reduction in spending from All Funds on the contract by fiscal year;
- (c) the increase in both the annual average and end-of-year FTEs by fiscal year; and
- (d) the estimated increase in expenditures by object of expense and method of financing for each fiscal year.

**127. SNAP Performance Payments.** Bonus payment for employees who are paid in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility & Enrollment. The authority to award bonus payment to employees is provided in Article IX, Section 13.10, Definition, Appropriation, Reporting and Audit of Earned Federal Funds, and is subject to the following additional conditions: A portion of these funds, in each year of the biennium, shall be used by Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to provide bonuses to position classifications whose efforts directly contributed to meeting or exceeding performance standards for eligibility determination of Federal programs, or to position classifications who meet or exceed customer service performance measures developed by the commission. (1) Before an employee can be eligible for a bonus, the employee must have been employed in the program for a minimum of six months, remain employed in the program, and demonstrate performance that meets expectations. (2) HHSC has the authority to determine whether employees who have received bonuses under this provision are eligible for the merit salary increases during a twelve-month period prior to or after receipt of the bonus.

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**128. Healthy Texas Women Short Form Application.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission shall, to the extent allowable by federal law, implement a short form application for the Healthy Texas Women program, limiting the required elements conforming to the application for Family Planning Only populations in accordance with 42 CFR 435.907(c)(2).

**129. Rate Increase for Intellectual Developmental Disability Nursing Facilities.**

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, is \$779,805 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,169,708 from Federal Funds (\$1,949,513 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$810,997 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,216,496 from Federal Funds (\$2,027,493 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 to revise the reimbursement methodology for an Intellectual Developmental Disability (IDD) nursing facility special reimbursement class, in which 90 percent of residents have a Preadmission Screening and Resident Review positive screen for IDD, to match that of the allowable Medicare equivalent.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission conduct an annual review, by August 31 of each year, of reimbursement rates for Intellectual Developmental Disability nursing facility services delivered under Medicaid.

**130. Vision Screenings for Children Plan.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission in Strategy D.1.5, Children's Blindness Services, shall develop recommendations on ways to implement birth through four years old vision screenings. The agency shall report the recommendations to the Legislature, including the Legislative Budget Board, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, the Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Office of the Governor no later than December 1, 2027.

**131. Summer EBT Administrative Costs.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy I.1.1, Integrated Eligibility & Enrollment, is \$55,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the State's share of administrative costs associated with implementing the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) program in 2026. The Health and Human Services Commission shall, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture



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and the Texas Education Agency, work with and submit a plan to the Food and Nutrition Services of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to administer Summer EBT in 2026 and shall seek any federal waivers necessary to administer the program.

**132. Provider Enrollment and Management System.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, is \$2,160,543 from the General Revenue Fund and \$9,439,514 from Federal Funds (\$11,600,057 from All Funds) and 14.7 full-time equivalents (FTEs) in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,104,573 from the General Revenue Fund and \$9,359,325 from Federal Funds (\$11,463,898 from All Funds) and 14.7 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to make enhancements to the Provider Enrollment and Management System. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated for the same purpose for the second fiscal year of the biennium.

**133. Intensive Outpatient Services and Partial Hospitalization Services.**

- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, is \$3,028,397 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,519,009 from Federal Funds (\$7,547,406 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,138,990 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,679,167 from Federal Funds (\$7,818,157 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027 for intensive outpatient services and partial hospitalization services.
- (b) For the purpose of this provision, “intensive outpatient services” means outpatient treatment services, including treatment services for substance use disorders, depression, eating disorders, and other mental health conditions that do not require detoxification or 24-hour supervision, provided to patients who require a time-limited, multifaceted array of services, structures, and supports by a team of clinical staff capable of providing, at a minimum, the following services:
  - (1) Individual counseling;
  - (2) Group counseling;
  - (3) Family counseling;
  - (4) Motivational enhancement training; and
  - (5) Relapse prevention, drug refusal, and coping skills training.
- (c) For the purpose of this provision, “partial hospitalization services” means distinct and organized intensive ambulatory treatment services provided for periods of not more than 24 hours at a location other than a patient’s home or in an inpatient or a residential care setting. The term includes the services described by 42 C.F.R. Section 410.43(a)(4).

**134. STAR Health Services Coordination.** Not later than August 31, 2026, the Health and Human Services Commission shall, in collaboration with the STAR Health Contractor and the Department of Family and Protective Services, develop written protocols to operationalize the service coordination requirements in the STAR Health Medicaid managed care contract. The written protocols should, at a minimum, define a process through which a STAR Health service coordinator participates in the development of the Child’s Plan of Service and defines the service coordinator’s role in facilitating access to all STAR Health covered services identified in the plan.

**135. Clear Process for Including Prescription Drugs on the Texas Drug Code Index.** The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall make clear their process for the inclusion of prescription drugs in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs. In maintaining the prescription drug inclusion process, HHSC shall ensure that the timeline for review, including initiation of drug review, clinical evaluation, rate setting, Legislative Budget Board notification, and making the product available, does not extend past the 90th day of receipt of the completed application for coverage on the Texas Drug Code Index. After the applicable Drug Utilization Review Board meeting and approval by the HHSC Executive Commissioner, HHSC will complete the public posting of medical policies associated with the product.

**136. Maternal Health Outcome Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Women’s Health Programs, is \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for grants to organizations implementing maternal health outcome programs. Any organization selected for

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grant funding must design and implement successful health outcome programs that reduce severe obstetric complications, offer administrative and technological support, enhance participation in the program, and operate in a geography with a contiguous population of at least five million.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose in the second year of the biennium.

**137. Credentialing for Providers within the STAR Health Managed Care Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1. Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall, directly or through contract, analyze and make all necessary improvements to the process for credentialing health care providers, particularly those health care providers that provide and bill for mental and behavioral health services, within the STAR Health managed care program. Specifically, HHSC shall implement any changes needed to accomplish the expeditious credentialing and enrollment of health care providers, including:

- (a) Authority for an individual health care provider to bill under the National Provider Identifier Standard of their employer organization, so long as the organization is in good standing. HHSC shall prioritize allowing billing from the date of employment. However, if HHSC determines that such billing is disallowed by law, HHSC shall facilitate the retroactive billing of individual health care providers who become fully credentialed after beginning employment;
- (b) A single process to permit credentialing across managed care organizations; and
- (c) Any other process, policy, or other efficiencies to streamline access to qualified health care providers.

HHSC shall make all changes within its legal authority not later than December 31, 2025. HHSC shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on its overall findings, the actions taken in response, any actions HHSC has determined require state or federal legal changes, and any additional recommendations for the Legislature's consideration no later than March 31, 2026.

**138. Maximize Federal Funds for Maternal Home Visiting Services.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy O.1.5, Home Visiting Programs, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall conduct a study to determine the cost-effectiveness and feasibility of obtaining federal funds for home visiting services for pregnant women and children in the Medicaid program. If HHSC determines that nurse home visiting services utilizing nurses or licensed professionals would improve maternal and child health outcomes and lower Medicaid costs, HHSC shall seek prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) before implementing the benefit.

HHSC shall provide a report by September 1, 2026, to the Legislature that includes the findings from the study and the determination of the LBB.

In conducting the cost-effectiveness and feasibility study, HHSC shall consider:

- (a) The impact of services on maternal and child health outcomes and the cost offsets associated with improved health outcomes;
- (b) The potential impact of the nurse home visiting programs on maternal mortality and morbidity rates;
- (c) The ability of nurse home visiting programs on access to maternal health in rural areas;
- (d) The effect on waitlists for nurse home visiting services for women seeking services through Thriving Texas Families and Family Support Services;
- (e) The impact of services on maternal and child health outcomes and the cost offsets associated with improved health outcomes; and
- (f) The potential impact of the nurse home visiting.

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- 139. Electronic Visit Verification Fraud Prevention Criteria.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1. Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall establish clear, specific, and restricted criteria for when the use of compliance grace periods and match bypasses is permitted in the electronic visit verification process in order to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. These exceptions shall only be permitted when not explicitly required by federal law or tied to a federal action.

No later than September 1, 2026, HHSC shall develop and implement these criteria and submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chair of the House Appropriations Committees. The report must include:

- (a) The established fraud prevention criteria for compliance grace periods and match bypasses; and
- (b) The frequency and circumstances under which these exceptions can be applied.

HHSC shall ensure that compliance grace periods and match bypasses are applied consistently and do not undermine accountability or responsible use of funds.

- 140. Implementation of Eligibility Policy Options.** The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may implement eligibility policy options authorized under federal law related to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) that will streamline eligibility determination processes, create efficiencies that improve timeliness, and strengthen program integrity.

- 141. Nutritional Support Services.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall permit a managed care organization to offer nutritional support services in lieu of a service or setting covered under the state plan. The nutritional support services must be clinically appropriate, evidence-based, and a cost-effective substitute for a covered Medicaid service.

In determining nutritional support services to include in the contract with managed care organizations, the commission shall take into consideration the following services, tailored to health risk or demonstrated outcome improvement:

- (a) Nutrition counseling and instruction;
- (b) Home delivered meals or pantry stocking;
- (c) Nutrition prescriptions;
- (d) Grocery provisions, for high-risk individuals to avoid unnecessary acute care admission or institutionalization; and
- (e) Additional federally allowable nutritional support services HHSC determines to be appropriate, evidence-based, and cost-effective.

- 142. Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers (PPECC).** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in Strategy H.1.1, Facility/Community-based Regulation is \$423,182 from the General Revenue Fund and 2.0 "full-time-equivalents (FTEs)" in fiscal year 2026 and \$406,715 from the General Revenue Fund and 2.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 for salaries, travel, and operating expenses for HHSC's Regulatory Services Division to perform timely reviews of the architectural requirements for PPECC.

- 143. Out-Stationed Eligibility Staff.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, limitations on full-time equivalents do not apply to instances of employment for out-stationed eligibility staff in which the state does not pay a portion of the salary or benefits.

- 144. External Evaluation of Child Care Rules and Minimum Standards.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in Strategy H.2.1, Child Care Regulation, is \$1,025,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to contract with an independent entity with expertise in child

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welfare and child care regulation to evaluate HHSC's rules and minimum standards for licensed day care centers, licensed day care homes, registered family homes, licensed before and after school programs, and licensed school-age programs to evaluate the following:

- (1) The relevance of the requirement to child health, safety, and welfare;
  - (2) Whether the requirement aligns with federal and/or state laws; and
  - (3) Whether the requirement is aligned with best practices in regulated child care.
- (b) Before September 1, 2026, the independent entity must issue a report to HHSC that includes the findings of the assessment and recommendations to simplify and adjust the agency's rules and minimum standards for the purpose of:
- (1) Prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of children attending licensed day care centers, licensed day care homes, registered family homes, licensed before and after school programs, and licensed school-age programs; and
  - (2) Reducing any licensing, training or oversight requirements that present a barrier to opening or operating licensed day care centers, licensed day care homes, registered family homes, licensed before and after school programs, and licensed school-age programs, including barriers to the hiring and retention of high-quality leadership, administrators, and staff at licensed day care centers, licensed day care homes, registered family homes, licensed before and after school programs, and licensed school-age programs.
- (c) The independent entity conducting the assessment under this section shall make recommendations for required legislative action, including recommendations for retaining, repealing, or modifying existing state laws. In conducting the assessment, the independent entity shall solicit and consider the input of relevant stakeholders, including licensed child care providers and families with children in licensed child care as well as families who cannot currently afford licensed child care.
- (d) Before the 90th day after HHSC receives the independent entity's assessment, the agency shall submit a report on the independent assessment to the Office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the standing committee of each chamber of the Legislature with jurisdiction over HHSC including the following:
- (1) HHSC's plan to implement the independent entity's assessment recommendations; and
  - (2) Any recommendation the agency decides not to implement and a written justification for not implementing the recommendation.

### 145. Interest List Reduction Workgroup.

- (a) Out of funds appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, HHSC shall establish a workgroup as a subcommittee of the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) System Redesign Advisory Committee, created by Government Code, Chapter 534. The subcommittee shall study and provide recommendations on the feasibility, impact, and implementation of the following approaches to both decrease the number of individuals waiting on the IDD Waiver interest lists, and ensure timely access to supports, including:
- (1) Implementing changes to interest list management, including eligibility screenings, prioritization criteria, and automation to improve efficiency and accuracy;
  - (2) Evaluating the feasibility of implementing the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) option to extend Medicaid eligibility for children with significant disabilities, potentially reducing demand for waiver services;
  - (3) Examining options for restructuring the Texas Home Living (TxHmL) waiver as the lowest-cost waiver to provide basic services to more individuals currently on the interest list;

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- (4) Establishing a dedicated fund or endowment to ensure sustainable financing for Medicaid waiver slots and interest list reduction; and
- (5) Studying interest list reduction strategies implemented in other states to identify best practices and potential models for Texas.
- (b) The subcommittee shall include representatives from state agencies, advocacy organizations, service providers, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and fiscal policy experts, as well as other stakeholders deemed appropriate by the executive commissioner.
- (c) HHSC shall convene the subcommittee no later than December 1, 2025. The subcommittee shall conduct research, gather stakeholder input, and analyze data on current and potential interest list reduction strategies. HHSC shall provide quarterly updates to the Legislative Budget Board and relevant legislative committees on the progress of the study. A report detailing findings, cost-benefit analyses, and recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee no later than September 1, 2026. The final report shall include legislative and budgetary recommendations for the 90th Legislature's consideration to both reduce the number of individuals waiting for services and ensure timely access to supports for people with IDD.

**146. Search Engine Multi-Agency Reportable Conduct (SEMARC).** Included in the amounts appropriated above at the Health and Human Services Commission in Strategy L.1.2, IT Oversight & Program Support, is \$500,381 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,381 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the SEMARC system to support the safety and oversight of individuals working with vulnerable populations, as required by Senate Bill 1849, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. The funds shall provide additional Tier 1 IT Help Desk contracted resources to support the implementation and operation of SEMARC, including triaging technical issues encountered by users at schools, child care facilities, long-term care providers, and juvenile detention centers.

**147. Mobile and School-Based Dental Services.** Medicaid appropriations for direct fee-for-service programs or transfers to Medicaid managed care organizations under contract with the State of Texas may not be used in a way that restricts or prohibits mobile or school-based dental services to Medicaid beneficiaries 18 years old and under, whether the provider has a primary physical location to provide services or not, provided the provider:

- (a) Ensures a parent, legal guardian, or another adult who is authorized by the parent or guardian accompanies a child who is 14 years of age or younger or, if school-based care, receives parental consent in accordance with Human Resources Code, Section 32.024(s-1);
- (b) Complies with all state and federal solicitation and Medicaid provider enrollment requirements;
- (c) Is able to safely provide all elements of a dental checkup or treatment to be completed;
- (d) Has the capacity to coordinate emergency follow-up care in accordance with 22 Texas Administrative Code, Section 108.42; and
- (e) Sends notification to the child's main dental home to support coordination of care, if the provider is not the main dental home.

This provision does not apply to appropriations for Medicaid services provided by school districts in Texas to Medicaid-eligible students through the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program.

**148. Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Rapid Testing.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall evaluate the rate for reimbursement for services related to syphilis testing and treatment to include accurate reimbursement for both point of care rapid testing and best practices for most effective treatment of syphilis no later than October 1, 2025. HHSC shall consider clinical expertise, public comments, the characteristics of the populations served, and financial sustainability of reimbursement rates prior to adopting final rates.

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**149. Rate Review for Pediatric Care Center Services.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid Contracts and Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission shall, not later than August 31 of each year, conduct a review of reimbursement rates for pediatric care center services delivered to children under Medicaid.

**150. Cost Comparison Report.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall develop a report analyzing state and federally-funded residential and nonresidential services in the Home and Community-based Services (HCS) waiver program, the Texas Home Living waiver program, and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID).

(a) The report shall include the following:

- (1) The monthly average cost to the state per person for individuals residing in state-operated and non-state-operated ICFs/IID, HCS waiver program, and Texas Home Living waiver program by Level of Need (LON) and facility size (private ICFs/IID only);
- (2) A comparison of severity across settings; and
- (3) The total number of persons, by LON, who transitioned from state-operated ICFs/IID to the HCS residential waiver program for the previous biennium, and their average monthly cost of service in the HCS waiver program.

(b) With respect to the cost to the state per person residing in a state-operated ICF/IID, HHSC shall include all costs, such as Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP), maintenance and construction costs, employee benefit costs and other federally allowable administrative, medical, and overhead costs. With respect to the cost to the state per person in state-operated ICFs/IID, non-state-operated ICFs/IID, and the HCS and Texas Home Living waivers, HHSC shall include all Medicaid costs including acute care costs that are not included in the waiver rates for those programs and all costs to administer and license those programs. For state-operated ICFs/IID, the average monthly administrative and overhead costs shall be reported separately from the average monthly client care costs. HHSC shall identify the types of costs included in each category.

(c) Cost for waiver recipients will cover the time a person enrolled in the waiver through the time they are terminated from waiver services. The cost for ICF/IID services will cover the time a person is admitted to the facility to the time of discharge unless the person is admitted to an ICF/IID or waiver within 60 days of discharge. In that case, the Medicaid costs incurred during discharge will be counted toward the ICF/IID costs.

The report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, and shall be posted on the Commission's website no later than August 31 of the first fiscal year of the biennium.

**151. Report on the Development of Hospital Inpatient Rates.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1. Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall submit a report to the Legislature by November 1, 2026, on HHSC's proposal to rebase Medicaid inpatient hospital base rates. The report shall include:

- (a) Financial models demonstrating the impact of the updated Medicaid inpatient rates by hospital based on data from fiscal year 2025;
- (b) The amount of general revenue needed to stabilize revenue levels that may otherwise be impacted by revisions to inpatient hospital rates, in total and by hospital class; and
- (c) Recommendations developed by the agency and temporary advisory committee on a process and implementation timeline for hospital inpatient rate rebasing.

In developing the recommendations and financial models, HHSC shall solicit input from stakeholders and may establish a temporary advisory committee pursuant to the authority provided under Chapter 2110, Government Code. In establishing a temporary advisory committee, HHSC shall include representatives that reflect each hospital class participating in the Medicaid program.

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No later than July 15, 2026, HHSC shall make public, including through distribution to and discussion with the Hospital Payment Advisory Committee, any agency and advisory committee recommendations and draft financial models.

**152. Streamlining Managed Care Enrollment.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1. Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall develop and implement a plan to align Medicaid enrollment into managed care with the automatic enrollment process used by the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Implementation of this plan is contingent upon HHSC developing strategies to mitigate any impact to state supplemental funding and Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding, including the potential transition of the state's supplemental payment program from fee-for-service claims to managed care claims.

**153. Contingent Transfer Authority for Certain Federal Medicaid Access Regulations.**

- (a) Notwithstanding the limitations of Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority; and Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers; HHSC may transfer the following amounts from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to Strategy B.1.1, Medicaid & CHIP Contracts & Administration, Strategy H.1.1, Health Care Facilities & Community-based Regulation, and Goal L, System Oversight & Program Support, as needed to implement federal Medicaid access regulations adopted on April 22, 2024, related to reimbursement rate transparency in fee-for-service and managed care, direct care staff spending requirements, public input processes for provider payment rates, and directed payment program spending analyses and limitations:
  - (1) \$17,158,750 from the General Revenue Fund and \$14,682,194 from Federal Funds (\$31,840,944 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2026, and
  - (2) \$15,927,880 from the General Revenue Fund and \$13,927,892 from Federal Funds (\$29,855,772 from All Funds) in fiscal year 2027.
- (b) Notwithstanding HHSC Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article IX, Section 6.10 Limitations on State Employment Levels; and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget; HHSC may increase the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)" by 141.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and by 139.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 and the capital budget authority at HHSC to implement the provisions of this rider.
- (c) HHSC shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor 30 business days prior to the effective date of the transfers referenced in subsection (a) and subsection (b) or upon notification of the rules being repealed.
- (d) HHSC shall not transfer funds pursuant to subsection (a) or increase the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents" or capital budget authority pursuant to subsection (b) if the federal Medicaid regulations do not necessitate the implementation of the requirements described in the federal regulations as adopted on April 22, 2024.
- (e) In the event of a transfer in fiscal year 2026, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any part of the appropriation that is not necessary for that purpose described in subsection (a) shall be lapsed or transferred back to Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, and any FTEs and capital budget authority added pursuant to subsection (b) shall be reversed.

**154. Childcare Development Center.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Rider 16, Use of Certain Additional Medicaid Revenues, Section (b); Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article II, Special Provisions Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfers; and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may transfer funds from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to Strategy L.2.2, Regional Program Support, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) HHSC may only transfer up to \$20,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium in Medicaid Program Income No. 705 as defined in Rider 16, Use of Certain Additional Medicaid Revenues, Subsection (a)(1);

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- (b) Transferred funds shall only be used to contract with the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) to build and equip a Childcare Development Center (CDC) in the HHSC John H. Winters Building parking lot to support the HHSC North Austin Complex, and to separately contract with an expert in project management and childcare consulting services;
- (c) Transferred funds may be transferred to a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to implement the CDC project;
- (d) Once complete, the CDC shall be operated by the University of Texas with oversight provided by HHSC in collaboration with TFC; and
- (e) HHSC shall provide written notification of any transfer to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office within 30 calendar days of making a transfer.

**155. CAPPS Accounts Receivable Module.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Rider 16, Use of Certain Additional Medicaid Revenues, Section (b); Rider 107, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article II, Special Provisions Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority; Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriations Transfers; and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) may transfer funds from Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, to Strategy L.1.2, IT Oversight & Program Support, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) HHSC may only transfer up to \$11,482,662 for the 2026-27 biennium in Medicaid Program Income No. 705 as defined in Rider 16, Use of Certain Additional Medicaid Revenues, Subsection (a)(1);
- (b) Transferred funds shall only be used for the development of a Centralized Accounting Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) accounts receivable module to replace the existing Accounts Receivable Tracking System (ARTS);
- (c) Transferred funds and any matching federal funds may be transferred to a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to implement the CAPPS accounts receivable model;
- (d) Notwithstanding the limitations in Article IX, Sec. 6.10, Limitations on State Employment Levels, HHSC may increase the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" appropriated above by 25.2 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and 26.3 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to address staffing needs related to implementing the CAPPS Accounts Receivable Module; and
- (e) HHSC shall provide written notification of any transfer to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office within 30 calendar days of making a transfer.

**156. Establishment of Additional PACE Sites.**

- (a) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is authorized to procure and implement contracts to establish three additional Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE sites) in geographical areas not currently served by the program. Prior to finalizing a contractual agreement, HHSC shall determine that any entity to be contracted with satisfies procurement and contracting requirements established by HHSC and is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (as described in 42 CFR, Part 460, Subpart B of the Code of Federal Regulations) to be a provider agency.
- (b) HHSC is authorized to transfer General Revenue Funds appropriated to Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services, along with qualifying federal matching funds, to support up to 300 slots in each of the three additional PACE sites during the 2026-27 biennium. The total General Revenue Funds amount transferred for this purpose may be used to fund start-up and operational costs and may not exceed \$X in any fiscal year. The capitation rate to be paid for each site shall be determined pursuant to agency rate methodology for the PACE program without application of the budget reduction factor.
- (c) This transfer shall be executed notwithstanding any other provision relating to limitations on transfer authority. Further, this authorization fulfills the requirements of Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies, Section 12, Rate Limitations and Reporting Requirements.



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- (d) HHSC shall provide written notification to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Office of the certification and the transfer of amounts within 30 business days of the date on which any transfer occurs.
- (e) On the request of LBB or the Governor's Office, HHSC shall provide any requested information from PACE providers on actual cost, caseload, and services.

**157. Psychiatric Residential Youth Treatment Facility.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy G.4.2, Facility Capital Repairs and Renov, is \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to purchase and repurpose a building in Southeast Texas to serve as a psychiatric residential youth treatment facility and youth mental health facility.

**158. Cost Containment.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall develop and implement cost containment initiatives to achieve savings of at least \$550,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium throughout the health and human services system. These initiatives shall include:

- (a) increasing fraud, waste, and abuse prevention and detection;
- (b) seeking to maximize federal flexibility under the Medicaid program;
- (c) achieving other programmatic and administrative efficiencies; and
- (d) savings from services that include emergency telemedicine services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

HHSC shall provide an annual report on the implementation of cost containment initiatives to the Legislative Budget Board by December 1. It is the intent of the legislature that HHSC shall achieve savings without adjusting amount, scope, or duration of services or otherwise negatively impacting access to care. It is the intent of the legislature that prior to making any changes, HHSC shall consider stakeholder input, including complying with any statutory requirements related to rulemaking and public hearings. This rider shall not be construed as limiting HHSC's ability to maximize federal flexibility under the Medicaid program, including federal flexibility that may impact amount, scope, or duration of services.

**159. Study on Including Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility as a Medicaid State Plan Benefit.** A Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) is a facility, other than a hospital, which provides inpatient behavioral health treatment to Medicaid-eligible individuals under the age of 21. A PRTF must provide the inpatient psychiatric services under the direction of a physician, must be accredited, and must comply with all the requirements of applicable state and federal regulations. Out of funds appropriated above, HHSC shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of including Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities as a Medicaid state plan benefit for a specialized population of youth between the ages of 13-17 with high acuity behavioral health conditions and report the findings of the study to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by December 1, 2026.

The study shall include:

- (a) The experiences of other states that include PRTFs as a Medicaid benefit, including specific populations eligible for services through this benefit and any outcomes for youth who have received Medicaid covered PRTF services;
- (b) Information and data from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department including but not limited to specific populations that may benefit from the service, gaps in services that may be filled if PRTFs were included in the State Medicaid Plan and other relevant information;
- (c) Licensure requirements, including the need for any new licensure types needed to meet these requirements;
- (d) Service expectations, standards, and definitions as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 42 CFR Part 441 Subpart D §441.150 through §441.184;

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- (e) Determination of specialized population of Medicaid-eligible youth between the ages of 13-17 who would be eligible for admission into the PRTF including specificity of high acuity behavioral health conditions and symptoms/severe functional impairments; and
- (f) Recommendations, fiscal impact and projected timelines for potential inclusion of benefit in the State Medicaid Plan.

**160. McLennan County Crisis Stabilization and Inpatient Services.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.2.1, Community Mental Health Services, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to support mental health screening and assessment, crisis services, and expanded inpatient bed capacity in McLennan County. The Health and Human Services Commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the McLennan County Commissioners Court for the transfer of funds.

**161. Pediatric Child Care Facility Developmentally Appropriate Care.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium in Strategy F.3.3, Additional Advocacy Programs, for a grant to a pediatric care center located in Texas to support developmentally appropriate care for pediatric nursing facility residents. The grant funds may be used by the grantee for costs related to ensuring accessibility and developmentally appropriate environments and supports, and other costs identified by HHSC as necessary for the pediatric patients.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other limitations within Article II or Article IX, should HHSC determine the amounts in Subsection (a) are eligible for federal funds through the Medicaid program, HHSC shall transfer these amounts to Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services for the same purpose, and shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor within 30 business days of initiating the transfer.
- (c) Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining on August 31, 2026, are appropriated to HHSC for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 649,998,166	\$ 726,130,536
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 16,584,730	\$ 18,045,379
Federal Funds	\$ 357,641,559	\$ 380,606,163
Other Special State Funds	\$ 673,306	\$ 709,292
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,024,897,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,491,370</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 305,618,187	\$ 317,632,268
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>719,279,574</u>	<u>807,859,102</u>
Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 1,024,897,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,491,370</u>
<b>Grand Total, RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>\$ 1,024,897,761</u>	<u>\$ 1,125,491,370</u>

SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 167,628,230	\$ 177,907,813
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 3,567,636	\$ 3,595,579
Federal Funds	\$ 95,878,452	\$ 95,305,495
Other Special State Funds	\$ 245,756	\$ 256,232
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 267,320,074</u>	<u>\$ 277,065,119</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	\$ 266,674,268	\$ 276,540,078
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>645,806</u>	<u>525,041</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 267,320,074</u>	<u>\$ 277,065,119</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>\$ 267,320,074</u>	<u>\$ 277,065,119</u>

BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 11,181,848	\$ 9,937,262
Federal Funds	\$ 2,361,154	\$ 2,361,154
<u>Other Funds</u>		
MH Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance Account No. 8031	\$ 470,963	\$ 470,963
MH Appropriated Receipts Account No. 8033	15,828	15,828
ID Collections for Patient Support and Maintenance Account No. 8095	120,063	120,063
ID Appropriated Receipts Account No. 8096	<u>16,949</u>	<u>16,949</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 623,803</u>	<u>\$ 623,803</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 14,166,805</u>	<u>\$ 12,922,219</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.	\$ 14,166,805	\$ 12,922,219 & UB
<b>Grand Total,</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 14,166,805</u>	<u>\$ 12,922,219</u>

LEASE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 20,994,534	\$ 22,574,938
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 20,994,534</u>	<u>\$ 22,574,938</u>

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**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS			
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS		\$ 20,994,534	\$ 22,574,938
To TFC for Payment to TPFA.			& UB
<b>Grand Total, LEASE PAYMENTS</b>		<u>\$ 20,994,534</u>	<u>\$ 22,574,938</u>

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**Sec. 2. Salary Differentials.**

(a) **Authority provided.** Agencies listed in Article II of this Act are authorized to pay the following salary differentials to personnel identified in Subsection (b):

- (1) an evening or night shift salary differential, not to exceed 15 percent of the monthly pay rate, to personnel who work the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. or the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift or the equivalent; and
- (2) a weekend shift salary differential, not to exceed 5 percent of the monthly pay rate, to persons who work weekend shifts.

The evening or night shift salary differential may be paid in addition to the weekend shift salary differential for persons working evening or night shifts on the weekend.

(b) **Eligible personnel.** The authority provided in Subsection (a) applies to the following personnel:

- (1) clinical, testing, and support personnel at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS);
- (2) data processing or printing operations personnel at HHSC, DSHS, and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS);
- (3) Statewide Intake personnel at DFPS; and
- (4) Personnel in the HHSC Regulatory Services Division.

**Sec. 3. Services to Employees.** The Department of State Health Services, Department of Family and Protective Services and Health and Human Services Commission may expend funds for the provision of first aid or other minor medical attention for employees injured in the course and scope of their employment and for the repair and/or replacement of employees' items of personal property which are damaged or destroyed in the course and scope of their employment so long as such items are medically prescribed equipment. Expenditures for such equipment may not exceed \$500 per employee per incident.

**Sec. 4. Federal Match Assumptions and Limitations on Use of Available General Revenue Funds.**

(a) **Federal Match Assumptions.** The following percentages reflect federal match assumptions used in Article II of this Act.

**Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Federal Fiscal Year	59.83%	59.83%
State Fiscal Year	59.84%	59.83%

**Enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (EFMAP)**

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Federal Fiscal Year	71.88%	71.88%
State Fiscal Year	71.89%	71.88%

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- (b) **Enhanced Match Assumptions and Reporting.** Health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor the monthly number of clients receiving services eligible for any enhanced federal match as well as the amount of eligible expenditures subject to an enhanced match, by strategy. The data shall be submitted on a monthly basis in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board. For purposes of this section, enhanced federal matches are defined as an increase to the usual matching rate (regardless of what the usual match is) that are, or become, available under Medicaid or another federally-matched program. Enhanced federal matches include, but are not limited to, those made available through the Money Follows the Person demonstration and the Community First Choice Program. Whether or not a match meets the definition of enhanced federal match for purposes of this section will be at the discretion of the Legislative Budget Board.

Any other Article II agency is still subject to the requirements of Subsections (b) and (c) of this provision if any agency expenditures receive an enhanced federal match.

- (c) **Limitations on Use of Available General Revenue Fund Appropriations.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 13.02(a), in the event the actual FMAP and EFMAP should be greater than shown in subsection (a), or the amount of increased Federal Funds and reduced General Revenue Fund Appropriations due to enhanced matches should be greater than shown in Subsection (b), or if any other matching rate becomes more favorable than the rate assumed in the General Appropriations Act, the health and human services agencies in Article II of this Act are authorized to expend the General Revenue Fund Appropriations thereby made available only with the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor.

To request approval to expend available General Revenue Fund Appropriations, an agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. At the same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information, by fiscal year:

- (1) a detailed explanation of the proposed use(s) of the available General Revenue Fund Appropriations and whether the expenditure(s) will be one-time or ongoing;
- (2) the amount available by strategy;
- (3) the strategy(ies) in which the funds will be expended and the associated amounts, including any matching Federal Funds;
- (4) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act; and
- (5) the capital budget and/or full-time equivalent impact.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issue a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds and forwards its 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of General Revenue Fund Appropriations made available if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

**Sec. 5. Attorney General Representation.** The Attorney General and the respective head of the Health and Human Services Commission or a health and human services agency listed in Article II of this Act are authorized to use the funds appropriated above to jointly select one or more Assistant Attorneys General to be assigned to the respective agency.

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**Sec. 6. Limitations on Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act, the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission is authorized to make transfers of funding and full-time equivalents (FTEs) between all health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act, subject to the following requirements. Transfers that exceed \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund or FTE adjustments of more than 10.0 FTEs are subject to the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

Transfers below these thresholds require written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor at least 30 business days prior to the transfer. The total of all transfers from a strategy may not exceed \$1,000,000 without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

To request a transfer, the Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. At the same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information:

- (a) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the transfer, including the following:
  - (1) a description of each initiative with funding and FTE information by fiscal year; and
  - (2) an indication of whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
- (b) the names of the originating and receiving agencies and/or strategies and the method of financing and FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
- (c) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for both the originating and the receiving agencies and/or strategies; and
- (d) the capital budget impact.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified 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 of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to transfer the funds and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Lieutenant Governor. Any request for additional information from the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

In the case of disaster or other emergency, this provision is superseded by the emergency-related transfer authority in Article IX of this Act.

**Sec. 7. Medicaid Informational Rider.** This rider is informational only and does not make any appropriations. The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is the single state agency for Title XIX, the Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid) in Texas. In addition to Medicaid program client services at HHSC, other health and human services agencies and HHSC receive appropriations for programs where Medicaid is a source of funding, categorized below as Programs Providing Client Services with Medicaid Funding. Additionally, Medicaid funds are used to support administrative functions of the agencies, categorized below as Medicaid Funding for Administration. Appropriations made elsewhere in Article II, Health and Human Services, of this Act related to the Medicaid program include the following amounts by agency and category:

Agency Name	<u>2026</u>		<u>2027</u>	
Department of Family and Protective Services				
Medicaid Funding for Administration	\$	5,114,912	\$	4,965,582
Programs Providing Client Services with Medicaid Funding	\$	18,827,127	\$	19,156,147

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Department of State Health Services

Medicaid Funding for Administration	\$	11,098,240	\$	11,098,240
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Health and Human Services Commission

Medicaid Program Client Services	\$	37,437,313,184	\$	38,233,224,711
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Medicaid Funding for Administration	\$	2,116,118,661	\$	2,109,465,415
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Programs Providing Client Services with Medicaid Funding	\$	1,172,258,476	\$	1,185,118,951
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Total, All Agencies	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,760,730,600</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>41,563,029,046</u>
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Method of Financing:

General Revenue Funds	\$	15,935,782,470	\$	16,308,077,222
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General Revenue-Dedicated Funds	\$	62,343,530	\$	62,343,530
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Federal Funds	\$	24,443,941,022	\$	24,873,944,715
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Other Funds	\$	318,663,578	\$	318,663,579
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All Funds	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,760,730,600</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>41,563,029,046</u>
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**Sec. 8. Caseload and Expenditure Reporting Requirements.**

- (a) **Quarterly Forecasts.** The Health and Human Services Commission, in cooperation with operating agencies, shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, at the end of each fiscal quarter, projected caseloads and related expenditure amounts, for the following programs:
- (1) Medicaid;
  - (2) Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and related programs;
  - (3) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash assistance;
  - (4) Women's Health Programs;
  - (5) State Facilities;
  - (6) Community Mental Health Services, including Behavioral Health Waivers;
  - (7) Early Childhood Intervention services; and
  - (8) Other programs upon request of the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor.

The reports shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

- (b) **Monthly Data.** The Health and Human Services Commission, or its designated operating agency, shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, at the end of each month, caseload and related expenditure amounts for the programs identified in subsection (a). The data shall be submitted in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (c) At the request of the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor, supporting documentation detailing the sources and methodologies utilized to develop any caseload or cost projections contained in the report and any other supporting material must be provided.

In the event that the forecasting function is transferred to another agency, the requirement for the Health and Human Services Commission to provide quarterly forecasts under Subsection (a) shall apply to the other agency.

- (d) **TCCO Quarterly Forecasts.** The Texas Civil Commitment Office (TCCO) shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, at the end of each fiscal quarter, projected caseloads and related expenditure amounts for offsite healthcare in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

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**Sec. 9. System Support Services.**

- (a) **Appropriations for System Support Services.** Included in amounts appropriated in Article II of this Act are the following amounts for Article II system support services assessments:

- (1) \$126,715,519 in All Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$126,529,353 in All Funds in fiscal year 2027 at the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS);
- (2) \$78,369,097 in All Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$78,217,575 in All Funds in fiscal year 2027 at the Department of State Health Services (DSHS); and
- (3) \$569,205,418 in All Funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$561,088,068 in All Funds in fiscal year 2027 at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC).

Amounts in this subsection do not include benefits, which are appropriated elsewhere in this Act.

- (b) None of the funds appropriated to an agency listed in Article II of this Act shall be expended for system support services unless the following requirements are met:

- (1) **Reporting Requirements.** HHSC shall submit the following information at the agency and system level to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor:

- (A) **Annual Assessments.** By September 1 of each year:

- (i) amounts assessed for system support services, by service category and fund type, for the new fiscal year; and
- (ii) signed copies of any agreements between the agencies regarding system support services for the new fiscal year.

- (B) **Annual Expenditures.** By October 1 of each year:

- (i) actual expenditures for system support services, by service category and fund type, for the three prior fiscal years; and
- (ii) the amount each agency's actual expenditures for system support services have changed since submission of the prior year's report.

DFPS and DSHS shall provide all necessary information to HHSC to complete the reports required by this subsection.

- (2) **Notification of Anticipated Increases.** HHSC shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor if total expenditures for system support services are expected to exceed the amounts reported in Subsection (a) by more than \$1,000,000 in combined General Revenue Fund appropriations and General Revenue-Dedicated Fund appropriations during the fiscal year or if HHSC implements any new projects or services not presented to the Legislature that will result in an increase in the amounts assessed to DFPS or DSHS. The notification shall include:

- (A) the reason(s) for the increase;
- (B) the estimated allocation of the increased cost between agencies by method-of-financing; and
- (C) how each agency will fulfill their estimated contribution.

- (c) **Transfer of Appropriations for System Support Services.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies, Section 6, Limitations on Transfer Authority, and Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission is authorized to make transfers of funding and full-time-equivalents (FTEs) appropriated for system support services between all health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act. Transferred appropriations and FTEs shall only be expended by the receiving agency for system support services. This authority only applies if the appropriations to be transferred are appropriated in HHSC Goal K, Office of



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Inspector General, HHSC Goal L, System Oversight and Program Support, other HHSC strategies with system support services funding, DFPS Goal D, Indirect Administration, and DSHS Goal E, Indirect Administration, and the transfer will not create or increase a supplemental need. This authority is contingent upon HHSC submitting prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor. The notification shall include:

- (1) the reason for the transfer;
  - (2) amounts to be transferred by agency, strategy, method-of-financing, and fiscal year; and
  - (3) the capital budget impact.
- (d) **Limitations on Expenditures.** Amounts identified in Subsection (a) and any amounts transferred pursuant to Subsection (c) of this rider shall not be expended for a purpose other than system support services without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. To request approval, the agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:
- (1) a detailed explanation of the proposed use(s) of the appropriations and whether the expenditure(s) will be one-time or ongoing;
  - (2) the amount by strategy and method-of-financing;
  - (3) an estimate of performance levels and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act; and
  - (4) the capital budget impact.

The request shall be considered disapproved unless the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor issue written approval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request to expend funds and forwards its 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- (e) **Requests and Notifications.** Any requests or notifications submitted by an agency listed in Article II of this Act, pursuant to any rider or other provision of this Act, shall include the anticipated impact the request or notification will have on system support service assessments by agency and method-of-financing.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds for system support services, including assessments if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

**Sec. 10. Professional Trainees and Interns.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Part 2, Section 2.01, Position Classification Plan, the Department of State Health Services and the Health and Human Services Commission may compensate professional trainees or interns in recognized educational programs related to the provision of mental health or intellectual disability services, radiation control, or any critical health care profession as determined by the Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner at any salary rate not to exceed the following amounts:

Psychiatrist Interns	\$3,548 per month
Physician Interns	\$3,042 per month
Psychologist Trainees	\$2,859 per month
Registered Nurse Trainees	\$2,387 per month
Chaplain Interns	\$2,247 per month
Physical, Occupational, or Registered Therapist Trainees	\$2,117 per month
Social Worker Trainees	\$1,998 per month
Medical Technologist Trainees	\$1,998 per month
Licensed Vocational Nurse Trainees	\$1,785 per month
Health Physicist Interns	\$2,247 per month
Health Physicist Trainees	\$1,686 per month

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**Sec. 11. Appropriation of Receipts: Damages and Penalties.** Included in amounts appropriated by this Act are the following:

- (a) \$585,363 in Other Funds (Appropriated Receipts) in each fiscal year in Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Strategy H.1.1, Health Care Facilities & Community-based Regulation, collected pursuant to Human Resources Code Section 32.021. Any amount collected above this amount is to be applied to the protection of health and property of residents in nursing facilities in accordance with 42 U.S. Code Section 1396r(h)(2)(a)(ii) and Human Resources Code Section 32.021(g) subject to the approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and
- (b) \$390,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Strategy C.1.1, Food (Meat) and Drug Safety, contingent upon the collection of civil penalties under Health and Safety Code Section 431.0585. Any amounts collected above this amount are appropriated to DSHS in amounts equal to the costs of the investigation and collection proceedings conducted under Health and Safety Code Section 431.0585, and any amounts collected as reimbursement for claims paid by the agency. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the appropriations identified in this subsection, the Comptroller of Public Accounts is directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**Sec. 12. Rate Limitations and Reporting Requirements.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the use of appropriated funds for a rate paid by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) or the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall be governed by the specific limitations included in this provision.

For purposes of this provision, "rate" is defined to include all provider reimbursements (regardless of methodology), including for medications, that account for significant expenditures. "Fiscal impact" is defined as an increase in expenditures due to either a rate change or establishment of a new rate, including the impact on all affected programs. Additionally, estimates of fiscal impacts should be based on the most current caseload forecast submitted by HHSC pursuant to other provisions in this Act and should specify method-of-financing. Fiscal estimates that impact multiple risk groups may be reported at an aggregate level and acute care services may be reported by rate category.

**(a) Notification of Change to Managed Care Rates.**

- (1) Within seven calendar days of the establishment of preliminary premium rates for managed care organizations (MCOs) contracting with HHSC, the Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit the following information in writing to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the State Auditor:
  - (i) a schedule showing the previous fiscal year's rate and the proposed rate, which should include information on the rate basis for the MCO reimbursements to providers;
  - (ii) a schedule and description of the rate-setting process for all rates listed for subsection (1), which should include:
    - (a) a thorough explanation of all formulas and rounding methodologies used in the rate setting process;
    - (b) identification of any claims excluded from the data in calculating rates;
    - (c) reasoning and basis for all trends used in the rate-setting process, including an analysis of any regional or plan-specific trends that cause the overall statewide trend to increase by more than one percent and a justification for assuming those trends will continue;
    - (d) all analyses conducted by the Data Analysis Unit (established pursuant to Government Code Section 531.0082) that are pertinent to the rate-setting process; and
    - (e) all documentation submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Section 438.7.

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- (iii) an estimate of the fiscal impact, by agency, method-of-financing, and fiscal year, for each rate change listed for Subsection (1).
- (2) The Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit all available information identified in Subsection (1) if the preliminary rates are changed and shall also submit the reason for these changes. The Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit the final proposed rates along with the information listed in Subsection (1) no later than 45 calendar days prior to implementation.
- (3) Within seven business days of the submission requirements listed above in Subsections (i) through (iii) for final proposed rates, the Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit a schedule identifying an estimate of the amount by which expenditures at such rate levels would exceed appropriated funding, by method-of-financing.
- (b) **Orphan Drug Notification.** HHSC shall provide notification of a new or increased rate for an orphan drug within 60 calendar days following the addition of the drug as a payable benefit if managed care capitation rates are to be adjusted or the annual fiscal impact to fee-for-service expenditures is expected to exceed \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund. HHSC may allocate expenses between fee-for-service and managed care using a methodology that reflects the anticipated distribution of the client population eligible for the drug. An orphan drug must meet criteria specified in the federal Orphan Drug Act and regulations at 21 C.F.R. Section 316, and be required to be covered by the Medicaid program under federal law. With the notification, HHSC shall provide the fiscal impact by fiscal year and method-of-financing, the amount of drug rebates projected, and an estimate of the population to be served.
- (c) **Semi-Annual Notification.** With the exception of statutorily required pricing updates on oral medications, HHSC shall provide notice on October 1 and April 1 of changed rates for:
  - (1) new procedure codes required to conform to Federal Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) updates;
  - (2) revised rates occurring as a result of a regularly scheduled rate review;
  - (3) any rate change or new rate for which managed care capitation rates will not be adjusted and estimated to have an annual fiscal impact of less than \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund; and
  - (4) any orphan drug not subject to the requirements of subsection (b).
- (d) **Limitation on Rates that Exceed Appropriated Funding.** With the exception of those rates specified in Subsections (b) or (c), HHSC and DSHS may not pay a rate that would result in expenditures that exceed, in any fiscal year, the amounts appropriated by this Act to a strategy for the services to which the rate applies without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

To request authorization for such a rate, the Executive Commissioner of HHSC shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. At the same time, the agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the following information:

- (1) a list of each new rate and/or the existing rate and the proposed changed rate; and
- (2) an estimate of the fiscal impacts of the new rate and/or rate change by agency, method-of-financing, and fiscal year.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 15 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request for authorization for the rate and forwards its 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

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- (e) Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor should be provided in a timely manner. Notifications, requests, and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (f) The Office of the State Auditor may review the fiscal impact information provided under Sections (a) through (d) along with supporting documentation, supporting records, and justification for the rate increase provided by HHSC and report back to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor before the rate is implemented.
- (g) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds for a new or increased rate if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

**Sec. 13. Locality Pay.** Out of funds appropriated above, the health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act are authorized to pay a salary supplement, not to exceed \$1,200 per month, to agency-determined employees whose duty station is located in an area of the state in which the high cost of living is causing excessive employee turnover, as determined by the agency. This salary supplement shall be in addition to the maximum salary rate authorized for that position elsewhere in this Act. In the event that an employee so assigned works on a less than full-time basis, the maximum salary supplement shall be set on a basis proportionate to the number of hours paid.

**Sec. 14. Limitation: Expenditure and Transfer of Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements.**

- (a) **Appropriations.** Included in the amounts appropriated to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) are the following amounts of Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements (Account No. 709):

- (1) Department of State Health Services:
  - (A) Strategy A.4.1, Laboratory Services: \$68,066,501 in fiscal year 2026 and \$68,696,868 in fiscal year 2027;
  - (B) Strategy B.2.2, Texas Primary Care Office: \$225,576 in each fiscal year; and
  - (C) Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration: \$366,935 in each fiscal year.
- (2) Health and Human Services Commission:
  - (A) Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services: \$69,245,724 in fiscal year 2026 and \$69,245,724 in fiscal year 2027.

Revenue from Account No. 709 shall be distributed first to the item(s) in Subsection (a)(1) until the full amount of those appropriations is satisfied. Revenue from Account No. 709 shall be distributed to the appropriate agency within ten business days of receipt.

Appropriations from Account No. 709 shall be expended prior to utilization of General Revenue or General Revenue-Dedicated Funds in strategies identified in this subsection. In the event General Revenue or General Revenue-Dedicated Funds have been expended prior to the receipt of appropriations from Account No. 709, DSHS or HHSC shall reimburse General Revenue or General Revenue-Dedicated on a monthly basis.

- (b) **Limitation on Use of Public Health Medicaid Reimbursements (Account 709).**

- (1) In the event that Public Health Medicaid Reimbursement revenues exceed the amounts noted above in a fiscal year, the funds are transferred to the Newborn Screening Preservation Account, established in Health and Safety Code, Section 33.052.
- (2) In the event that screens on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel are not currently offered by DSHS, DSHS may provide notification of the intent to expend the funds available in the Newborn Screening Preservation Account 5183 up to \$12,000,000 for the biennium. The notification must be provided to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 30 days prior to the expenditure.

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- (3) In the event that screens on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel are not currently offered by DSHS, DSHS may request to expend the funds available in the Newborn Screening Preservation Account 5183 exceeding \$12,000,000 for the biennium. The request shall include the following information:
- (A) a detailed explanation of the purpose(s) of the increase in expenditure and whether the expenditure will be one-time or ongoing;
  - (B) the name of the strategy or strategies affected by the increase/decrease and the FTEs for each strategy by fiscal year;
  - (C) the impact on performance levels, and, where relevant, a comparison to targets included in this Act for the affected strategy or strategies; and
  - (D) the impact of the expenditure on the capital budget.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- (4) In the event that the notification occurs in b(2) or the request in b(3) is approved, notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers-Capital Budget, DSHS is authorized to transfer from a non-capital budget item to an existing capital budget item or a new capital budget item to implement the new test using funds from the Newborn Screening Preservation Account. DSHS will provide a prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's office.
- (5) In the event that the notification occurs in b(2) or the request in b(3) is approved, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to DSHS for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to DSHS for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- (6) In the event that Public Health Medicaid Reimbursement revenues and balances are insufficient to support appropriations amounts identified in subsection (a), a reduction shall be made in HHSC Strategy A.1.1, Medicaid Client Services.
- (c) **Addition of New Newborn Screening.** In the event that additional screens are added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel in the biennium, additional revenue from the account shall be used as follows:
- (1) fund DSHS increased cost for the test; and
  - (2) deposited to the credit of the Newborn Screening Preservation Account, established in Health and Safety Code, Section 33.052.

**Sec. 15. Use of Trauma Fund Receipts.** In an effort to maximize the availability of Federal Funds under Medicaid for the purposes of providing reimbursement for uncompensated trauma care at designated facilities and providing increases in Medicaid inpatient provider rates, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall enter into an interagency contract to allow for the transfer of funds from General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111, from DSHS to HHSC for this purpose.

Appropriations include \$93,951,545 in fiscal year 2026 and \$93,951,545 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111 to the Department of State Health Services, Strategy B.2.1, EMS and Trauma Care Systems. Of that amount, \$80,127,880 in fiscal year 2026 and \$80,127,880 in fiscal year 2027 is to be transferred through the interagency contract to HHSC to provide add-on payments for trauma care and safety-net hospitals in Medicaid.

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If funds are not available in the amount appropriated from General Revenue-Dedicated Designated Trauma Facility and EMS Account No. 5111 in this Act, the amounts identified for transfer through interagency contract to HHSC shall be reduced by the amount that funds are less than appropriations and an equal amount of monies out of the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to HHSC.

**Sec. 16. Prohibition on Use of Appropriations for the Private Operation of a State Hospital.** No funds appropriated by this Act shall be used to solicit bids for the private operation of a state hospital or for the private operation of a state hospital, without approval from the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 17. Charges to Employees and Guests.**

- (a) Fee Collections for "non-compensatory services" provided to employees, temporary personnel services staff, and guests at the state supported living centers, state mental health hospitals, Rio Grande State Center, or the Texas Center for Infectious Disease ("facilities", or one of these facilities may be referred to as "Facility") shall be made by a deduction from the recipient's salary or by cash payment in advance. Such deductions and other receipts for these services from employees, temporary personnel services staff, and guests arising out of these "non-compensatory services" are appropriated to the facilities. Refunds of excess collections shall be made from the appropriation to which the collection was deposited. ("Non-compensatory services" are services provided to the recipients that are not in exchange for services provided, or required to be provided, by the recipient to a Health and Human Services agency).
- (b) As compensation for services rendered by the persons mentioned in (1) and (2) below, Facilities may provide the following items without charge:
  - (1) meals for food service personnel and volunteer workers; and
  - (2) temporary lodging in state-owned housing under Facility control, meals, and laundry service for interns, residents, fellows, chaplains in training, and student nurses.
- (c) A state hospital or state supported living center may allow for the temporary use of state-owned housing under that Facility's control without payment by family members and guests of patients of state health hospitals or residents of state supported living centers.
- (d) A state hospital or state supported living center may allow for the temporary use of state-owned housing under that Facility's control at the prevailing market rate (as determined by the Health and Human Services Commission) for employees and temporary personnel services staff providing direct care to Facility residents and patients provided that the state-owned housing is not otherwise needed for the controlling Facility's use. Fees for this temporary housing are appropriated to be used for maintaining state-owned housing under the Facility's control.

**Sec. 18. New or Additional Facilities.** No funds appropriated by this Act may be spent for constructing new or additional facilities or for the purchase of sites without specific authorization of the Legislature. All facilities shall be kept where they are located by the Legislature, and all new buildings to be constructed shall be on these sites unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Legislature. For the purpose of this section, specific authorization may be granted either by basic statute or special authorization in this Act.

**Sec. 19. Revolving Petty Cash Funds.** Each state mental health hospital, each state supported living center, the Rio Grande State Center, and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease may establish a petty cash fund to be maintained in cash or at a local bank. The petty cash fund, not to exceed \$25,000, shall be used only for making emergency payments and small purchases which will increase the efficiency of the operation; for payments to client workers on a regular payday basis; for use as change funds in specific locations where financial activities of the agency require a change fund; and for supplies and equipment purchases for on-campus work centers.

**Sec. 20. Transfers of Appropriation - State Owned Hospitals.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) shall transfer from non-Medicaid state appropriated funds the following amounts from HHSC Strategy G.2.1, Mental Health State Hospitals, and DSHS Strategy A.2.5, TX Center of Infectious Disease, to HHSC Goal B, Medicaid and CHIP Contracts and Administration, for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Reimbursement Program:

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
State Mental Health Hospitals	\$157,897,928	\$157,897,928
Texas Center for Infectious Disease	<u>5,292,067</u>	<u>5,292,067</u>
	\$163,189,995	\$163,189,995

The timing and form of such transfers shall be determined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in consultation with HHSC. The Legislative Budget Board may adjust the amounts of such transfers as necessary to match available federal funds. HHSC and DSHS shall also transfer non-Medicaid state appropriated funds as necessary for other qualifying state-funded community hospitals including mental health community hospitals. HHSC and DSHS shall monitor Medicaid utilization rates at these state-owned hospitals to ensure their qualification for the Disproportionate Share Hospital Reimbursement Program.

**Sec. 21. Payment for Compensatory Time.** The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), to the extent permitted by law, may pay FLSA non-exempt employees of state hospitals and state supported living centers on a straight-time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions. In addition, HHSC and DSHS, with the explicit approval of the Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner, and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), with the explicit approval of the DFPS Commissioner, to the extent permitted by law, may pay FLSA non-exempt employees required to provide support during a federally declared disaster on a straight-time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions.

**Sec. 22. Appropriation of Local Funds.** All unexpended balances of local funds received from counties, cities, and other local sources as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) by an agency named in this Article, are appropriated to that agency for the same purposes for use during the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

**Sec. 23. Reporting of Child Abuse.** All health and human services agencies listed in Article II of this Act may distribute or provide appropriated funds only to recipients who show good faith efforts to comply with all child abuse reporting guidelines and requirements set forth in Texas Family Code, Chapter 261.

**Sec. 24. Federal Funds Requirements.**

- (a) **Reporting Requirements.** All agencies listed in Article II of this Act shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than the date the respective report is submitted to the federal government:
- (1) Notification of proposed State Plan amendments or waivers for any federal grant requiring a state plan, which shall also be provided to the permanent standing committees of the House and Senate with jurisdiction over health and human services; and
  - (2) Reports associated with Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for federal grants.
- (b) **Loss of Federal Funds.** All agencies listed in Article II of this Act shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on a timely basis about emerging issues that could result in the loss of more than \$1,000,000 in federal funds assumed in this Act.
- (c) **General Revenue Fund Appropriations Associated with MOE.** The agencies listed in Article II of this Act shall not increase the state's MOE requirement for any federal grant without prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. To request approval, the agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:
- (1) a detailed explanation of the need to increase the state's MOE requirement; and
  - (2) the impact the increase will have on future MOE requirements.

The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative

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Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to increase the MOE and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Lieutenant Governor. Any request for additional information from the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- (d) **Reporting of MOE for Federal Grants.** All agencies listed in Article II of this Act shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board by October 1 and April 1 of each year for each federal grant received by the agency that has a MOE requirement:
- (1) the current amount of the MOE requirement for the grant;
  - (2) the time period of which the current MOE requirement applies;
  - (3) total expenditures made towards meeting the current MOE requirement;
  - (4) the time period for which current expenditures will impact future MOE requirements;
  - (5) projection of future MOE requirements based on current spending; and
  - (6) if the agency projects the current MOE requirement will not be fulfilled, a narrative explanation of why and the impact of not doing so, including any projected loss of federal funding.

**Sec. 25. Unexpended Balance Authority for Certain Funds Supporting Capital Projects.**

- (a) Notwithstanding all other limitations on unexpended balance authority in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) or Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) bill patterns, any unexpended and unobligated balances from amounts appropriated as of August 31, 2026, to DSHS or DFPS are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, subject to the limitations in subsection (b) of this rider.
- (b) Unexpended balance authority provided by this rider is limited to funds that were appropriated to DFPS or DSHS to support enterprise assessment billing for a Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) capital budget project and for which HHSC has used other authority provided by this Act to make appropriations for capital budget purposes made by this Act for use during the first year of the biennium available for use in the second year of the biennium for the same purpose.

**Sec. 26. Reporting on Court Monitor Fees.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) are authorized to pay reasonable costs related to court monitoring invoices in *M.D. v. Abbott*. DFPS and HHSC are prohibited from expending funds for court monitoring invoices unless the services relate directly to compliance with a remedial order and are sufficiently described therein.

DFPS in collaboration with HHSC shall report no later than 60 business days from the end of each quarter the amount billed from the court monitors and all agency costs related to the federal litigation. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board and shall include, but not limited to:

- (1) Invoices submitted by court monitors and what specific remedial orders and services were provided;
- (2) The number of facilities under heightened monitoring, the number of facilities that have exited heightened monitoring and how they exited; and
- (3) How many providers relinquished their licenses with DFPS.

The report shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and any standing joint Legislative Oversight Committees, as appropriate.



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**Sec. 27. Monthly Financial Reports.**

- (a) The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than 45 calendar days after the close of each month:
  - (1) Information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected funds, by strategy and method of finance;
  - (2) A report detailing revenues, expenditures, and balances for earned federal funds as of the last calendar day of the prior month;
  - (3) Narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, and other items as appropriate;
  - (4) Capital budget items, including increases to existing projects and creation of new projects; and
  - (5) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor.
  - (6) The monthly financial reports shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) HHSC shall provide information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected revenues, including program income, interest earnings, experience rebates, vendor drug rebates (Medicaid, CHIP and supplemental), Medicaid subrogation, premium co-payments, Earned Federal Funds, cost sharing - Medicaid clients, and appropriated receipts used as match for Federal Funds.
- (c) HHSC shall provide a narrative and tabular explanation of adjustments made to translate actuarial forecasts of incurred claims into budgeted/expended amounts on a cash basis for the Medicaid program and Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) services.
- (d) DFPS shall provide a report providing a breakdown of the budgeted versus actual Child Protective Services (CPS) Direct Delivery Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) by case stage and by region.

**Sec. 28. Transparency in Child Care Regulatory Activities.**

- (a) The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall submit an annual report on the Child Care Regulation Division, due November 1 of each year, to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, and to be published on the agency's public website, that includes the following:
  - (1) The number of inspections and investigations by the Child Care Regulation Division;
  - (2) The number of deficiencies issued as a result of inspections and investigations;
  - (3) The average number of deficiencies across operations;
  - (4) The number of deficiencies that are overturned as the result of an administrative review;
  - (5) The number of deficiencies that are in an enforcement action that is heard at the State Office of Administrative Hearings; and
  - (6) Justification and trends for the overturn decisions.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that if HHSC identifies any single investigator, or investigative unit, that has a high rate of investigative findings overturned in the administrative review of investigative findings stage, or at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, the agency shall take immediate corrective action, including but not limited to training, technical assistance, or personnel action.

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**Sec. 29. Transparency in State Monitoring.** Included in amounts appropriated above, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall report the following: deidentified information on each residential child-care facility that has been placed on heightened monitoring since January 1, 2020, including operation type, licensed or actual capacity, whether the operation remains on heightened monitoring, whether the operation is open or closed, when the operation was placed on heightened monitoring, any improvements the State attributes to the monitoring process, and the total number of staff with responsibility for heightened monitoring activities and the associated expenditures. The agencies shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, and any Joint Legislative Oversight Committees, as appropriate no later than November 1 of each year of the biennium.

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
(General Revenue)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$ 1,619,279,533	\$ 1,627,023,104
Department of State Health Services	435,438,603	442,874,499
Health and Human Services Commission	<u>19,511,677,414</u>	<u>19,904,564,735</u>
Subtotal, Health and Human Services	\$ 21,566,395,550	\$ 21,974,462,338
Retirement and Group Insurance	649,998,166	726,130,536
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>167,628,230</u>	<u>177,907,813</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 817,626,396	\$ 904,038,349
Bond Debt Service Payments	11,181,848	9,937,262
Lease Payments	<u>20,994,534</u>	<u>22,574,938</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 32,176,382</u>	<u>\$ 32,512,200</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE II - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<u>\$ 22,416,198,328</u>	<u>\$ 22,911,012,887</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Department of State Health Services	\$ 167,222,850	\$ 167,222,842
Health and Human Services Commission	<u>83,578,649</u>	<u>83,578,649</u>
Subtotal, Health and Human Services	\$ 250,801,499	\$ 250,801,491
Retirement and Group Insurance	16,584,730	18,045,379
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>3,567,636</u>	<u>3,595,579</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 20,152,366	\$ 21,640,958
TOTAL, ARTICLE II - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<u>\$ 270,953,865</u>	<u>\$ 272,442,449</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
(Federal Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$ 779,165,852	\$ 783,119,345
Department of State Health Services	530,755,048	412,985,517
Health and Human Services Commission	<u>26,979,306,498</u>	<u>27,434,862,112</u>
Subtotal, Health and Human Services	\$ 28,289,227,398	\$ 28,630,966,974
Retirement and Group Insurance	357,641,559	380,606,163
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>95,878,452</u>	<u>95,305,495</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 453,520,011	\$ 475,911,658
Bond Debt Service Payments	<u>2,361,154</u>	<u>2,361,154</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 2,361,154</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,154</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE II - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<u>\$ 28,745,108,563</u>	<u>\$ 29,109,239,786</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
(Other Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$ 12,167,774	\$ 12,435,215
Department of State Health Services	135,060,207	135,690,574
Health and Human Services Commission	<u>920,026,018</u>	<u>917,469,620</u>
Subtotal, Health and Human Services	\$ 1,067,253,999	\$ 1,065,595,409
Retirement and Group Insurance	673,306	709,292
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>245,756</u>	<u>256,232</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 919,062	\$ 965,524
Bond Debt Service Payments	<u>623,803</u>	<u>623,803</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 623,803	\$ 623,803
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 349,004,537</u>	<u>\$ 347,035,149</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE II - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<u><u>\$ 719,792,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 720,149,587</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE II  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$ 2,410,613,159	\$ 2,422,577,664
Department of State Health Services	1,268,476,708	1,158,773,432
Health and Human Services Commission	<u>47,494,588,579</u>	<u>48,340,475,116</u>
Subtotal, Health and Human Services	\$ 51,173,678,446	\$ 51,921,826,212
Retirement and Group Insurance	1,024,897,761	1,125,491,370
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>267,320,074</u>	<u>277,065,119</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,292,217,835	\$ 1,402,556,489
Bond Debt Service Payments	14,166,805	12,922,219
Lease Payments	<u>20,994,534</u>	<u>22,574,938</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 35,161,339	\$ 35,497,157
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 349,004,537</u>	<u>\$ 347,035,149</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE II - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	<u>\$ 52,152,053,083</u>	<u>\$ 53,012,844,709</u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	55,614.4	56,794.2





ARTICLE III

EDUCATION

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated agencies and institutions of education.

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 810,754,562	\$ 1,524,185,756
Available School Fund No. 002, estimated	2,341,130,878	3,365,642,729
Technology and Instructional Materials Fund No. 003, estimated	1,290,059,761	279,449,834
Foundation School Fund No. 193, estimated	16,397,256,390	14,401,668,009
Certification and Assessment Fees (General Revenue Fund)	31,870,549	28,863,696
Lottery Proceeds, estimated	1,900,929,683	1,904,241,890
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 22,772,001,823	\$ 21,504,051,914
GR Dedicated - Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189	\$ 2,611,722	\$ 0
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Education Fund	\$ 3,860,726,203	\$ 3,860,726,203
School Nutrition Programs Fund	2,930,904,253	2,930,904,253
Coronavirus Relief Fund	42,793,879	0
Federal Funds	22,045,738	22,045,738
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 6,856,470,073	\$ 6,813,676,194
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Property Tax Relief Fund, estimated	\$ 12,152,830,971	\$ 12,245,463,369
Tax Reduction and Excellence in Education Fund, estimated	2,036,494,054	2,111,323,683
Interagency Contracts	189,122	189,122
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	179,042	179,042
Recapture Payments - Attendance Credits, estimated	3,145,966,621	3,476,185,592
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 17,335,659,810	\$ 17,833,340,808
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 46,966,743,428	\$ 46,151,068,916
Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 2,527,072	\$ 2,551,812
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	1,325.0	1,325.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Commissioner of Education, Group 9	\$325,000	\$325,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROVIDE ED SYS LDRSP GUID'CE RES'S		
Provide Education System Leadership, Guidance, and Resources.		
A.1.1. Strategy: FSP - EQUALIZED OPERATIONS	\$ 36,785,875,549	\$ 36,333,296,818
Foundation School Program - Equalized Operations.		
A.1.2. Strategy: FSP - EQUALIZED FACILITIES	1,245,671,384	1,240,236,587
Foundation School Program - Equalized Facilities.		

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<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	551,436,596	1,309,861,595
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> ACHIEVEMENT OF STUDENTS AT RISK Resources for Low-income and Other At-risk Students.	2,012,533,480	2,012,533,480
<b>A.2.3. Strategy:</b> STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES Resources for Mentally/Physically Disabled Students.	1,286,610,246	1,281,610,246
<b>A.2.4. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & SUPPORT PGMS Grants for School and Program Improvement and Innovation.	<u>343,473,247</u>	<u>343,473,247</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROVIDE ED SYS LDRSP GUID'CE RES'S	\$ 42,225,600,502	\$ 42,521,011,973
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT & SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ASSESSMENT & ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM	\$ 123,829,847	\$ 123,829,847
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> TECHNOLOGY/INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS Technology and Instructional Materials.	1,032,679,721	10,000,000
<b>B.2.2. Strategy:</b> HEALTH AND SAFETY	26,891,170	22,379,448
<b>B.2.3. Strategy:</b> CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS	2,945,147,254	2,945,147,254
<b>B.2.4. Strategy:</b> WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT Educational Resources for Prison Inmates.	75,995,955	75,995,955
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> IMPROVING EDUCATOR QUALITY/LDRSP Improving Educator Quality and Leadership.	275,491,114	272,081,114
<b>B.3.2. Strategy:</b> AGENCY OPERATIONS	99,565,396	88,922,215
<b>B.3.3. Strategy:</b> STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERT State Board for Educator Certification.	7,857,741	7,770,628
<b>B.3.4. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	23,986,041	21,146,476
<b>B.3.5. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION SYSTEMS - TECHNOLOGY	115,468,985	48,554,304
<b>B.3.6. Strategy:</b> CERTIFICATION EXAM ADMINISTRATION Educator Certification Exam Services - Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>14,229,702</u>	<u>14,229,702</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT & SUPPORT	<u>\$ 4,741,142,926</u>	<u>\$ 3,630,056,943</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,966,743,428</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,151,068,916</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 118,780,308	\$ 118,330,308
Other Personnel Costs	3,386,276	3,011,276
Professional Fees and Services	243,162,045	167,570,757
Fuels and Lubricants	93,786	70,320
Consumable Supplies	131,158	104,386
Utilities	205,448,596	30,392,141
Travel	6,351,057	3,262,916
Rent - Building	427,632	350,699
Rent - Machine and Other	123,713	93,147
Other Operating Expense	34,876,542	29,372,766
Client Services	60,164,809	36,355,697
Grants	46,291,301,625	45,760,095,619
Capital Expenditures	<u>2,495,881</u>	<u>2,058,884</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,966,743,428</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,151,068,916</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 11,341,335	\$ 11,441,037
Group Insurance	16,292,891	16,735,993
Social Security	9,162,433	9,242,996

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Benefits Replacement	<u>9,462</u>	<u>7,692</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 36,806,121</u>	<u>\$ 37,427,718</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Education Agency. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Education Agency. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Education Agency shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROVIDE ED SYS LDRSP GUID'CE RES'S</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Four-Year High School Graduation Rate	90%	90%
Four-Year Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency Rate	0.35%	0.35%
Four-Year High School Dropout Rate	5.8%	5.8%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for African American Students	86.2%	86.2%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for Hispanic Students	90.8%	90.8%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for White Students	93.6%	93.6%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for Asian American Students	96.5%	96.5%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for American Indian Students	87%	87%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for Pacific Islander Students	88.7%	88.7%
Four-Year Graduation Rate for Economically Disadvantaged Students	87%	87%
Percent of Students Graduating with the Distinguished Level of Achievement	84%	84%
Percent of Students Graduating Under the Foundation High School Program with an Endorsement	90%	90%
Percent of Students with Disabilities Who Graduate High School	89.5%	89.5%
Percent of Eligible Students Taking Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Exams	25.6%	25.6%
Percent of AP/IB Exams Taken on Which the Score Qualifies for Potential College Credit or Advanced Placement	49.56%	49.56%
Percent of Students Exiting Bilingual/ESL Programs Successfully	84%	84%
Percent of Campuses That Meet All Eligible Indicators in Closing the Gaps	13%	13%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: FSP - EQUALIZED OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Average Daily Attendance (ADA) - Includes Regular and Charter Schools	5,009,287	4,990,137
Total Average Daily Attendance (ADA) - Open-enrollment Charter Schools Only	415,754	434,072
Number of Students Served by Compensatory Education Programs and Services	2,946,106	2,948,557
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Special Education Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)	224,831	237,183
Compensatory Education Student Count	3,451,645	3,447,808
Career and Technical Education Full-time Equivalents (FTEs)	426,155	444,984
Bilingual Education/English as a Second Language Average Daily Attendance	1,024,116	1,082,374
Gifted and Talented Average Daily Attendance	233,172	231,504
The number of campuses eligible for funding under TEC, Sec. 48.115(a)(2)	8,947	8,947
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: FSP - EQUALIZED FACILITIES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Amount of State and Local Funds Allocated for Debt for Facilities (Billions)	13.7	14.4
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Served in Early Childhood School Ready Program	15,030	15,030
Number of Students Served in Summer School Programs for Limited English-proficient Students	61,000	61,000
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Served by Regional Day Schools for the Deaf	4,865	4,865
Number of Students Served by Statewide Programs for the Visually Impaired	11,300	11,550

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**A.2.4. Strategy:** SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT & SUPPORT  
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<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Case-Managed Students Participating in Communities in Schools	117,500	117,500

**B. Goal:** PROVIDE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT & SUPPORT

<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of All Students Passing All Tests Taken	67%	67%
Percent of African-American Students Passing All Tests Taken	54%	54%
Percent of Hispanic Students Passing All Tests Taken	60%	60%
Percent of White Students Passing All Tests Taken	81%	81%
Percent of Asian-American Students Passing All Tests Taken	90%	90%
Percent of American Indian Students Passing All Tests Taken	67%	67%
Percent of Economically Disadvantaged Students Passing All Tests Taken	55%	55%
Percent of Districts Receiving the Lowest Performance Rating	5%	5%
Percent of Campuses Receiving the Lowest Performance Rating	5%	5%
Percent of Charter Campuses Receiving the Lowest Performance Rating	8%	8%
Districts Whose Performance Affords Them the Highest Rating in the Accountability Rating System	15%	15%
Campuses Whose Performance Affords Them the Highest Rating in the Accountability Rating System	17%	17%
Charter Campuses Whose Performance Affords Them the Highest Rating in the Accountability Rating System	20%	20%
Annual Drug Use and Violence Incident Rate on School Campuses, Per 1,000 Students	19.5	19.5
Percent of Original Grant Applications Processed within 90 Days	94%	94%

**B.2.2. Strategy:** HEALTH AND SAFETY

<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students in Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEPs)	84,634	84,634

**B.2.3. Strategy:** CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of School Lunches Served Daily	3,321,830	3,341,679
Average Number of School Breakfasts Served Daily	1,859,288	1,890,487

**B.2.4. Strategy:** WINDHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT

<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Contact Hours Received by Students within the Windham School District	9,791,204	9,791,204
Number of Students Earning a Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency or Earning a High School Diploma	3,252	3,252

**Efficiencies:**

Average Cost Per Contact Hour in the Windham School District	6.97	6.97
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**B.3.2. Strategy:** AGENCY OPERATIONS

<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Certificates of High School Equivalency Issued	21,000	21,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes, with the exception that funds appropriated below for Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) may be transferred between the agency's capital budget and non-capital budget items as necessary to be expended for personnel costs related to CAPPS implementation. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purposes of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

In order to maximize the use of federal matching, maintenance of effort and grant funds, the Texas Education Agency may adjust amounts within the method of financing below, not to exceed the total Capital Budget method of financing except as provided elsewhere in this Act. General revenue and other state fund appropriations made herein may be offset with federal funds and fees collected.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Hardware/Software Infrastructure	\$ 1,317,429	\$ 1,317,429
(2) Educational Materials Textbook Ordering System	UB	UB

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(3) Data Privacy Initiative for K-12 School Systems	35,505,974 & UB	0
(4) Instructional Materials Internet Website	2,692,303 & UB	2,692,303
(5) Repository of Open Education Resource Instructional Material	4,170,949 & UB	4,200,504
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Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 43,686,655	\$ 8,210,236
b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Open Education Resource Instructional Material	\$ 7,459,668 & UB	\$ 5,730,523
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 16,806,657	\$ 16,261,398
d. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) CAPPS Enterprise Resource Planning System (Financials HUB)	\$ 1,002,594	\$ 1,002,594
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Total, Capital Budget	\$ 68,955,574	\$ 31,204,751
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 60,255,049	\$ 22,751,773
Technology and Instructional Materials Fund No. 003	400,705	389,255
Certification and Assessment Fees (General Revenue Fund)	1,248,559	1,213,116
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Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 61,904,313	\$ 24,354,144
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Education Fund	\$ 6,986,775	\$ 6,787,756
Federal Funds	58,965	57,330
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Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 7,045,740	\$ 6,845,086
Interagency Contracts	\$ 5,521	\$ 5,521
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Total, Method of Financing	\$ 68,955,574	\$ 31,204,751

**3. Foundation School Program Funding.** In addition to funds appropriated above, the Foundation School Program is funded with local school district tax revenue. Local school district tax rates are adopted by locally elected school board trustees. Local school property tax rates are not set by the Legislature.

Out of the funds appropriated above, and any other funds appropriated for the Foundation School Program during the 2026-27 biennium, a total of \$38,048,682,535 in fiscal year 2026 and \$37,590,669,007 in fiscal year 2027 shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Foundation School Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount. This appropriation includes allocations under Texas Education Code, Chapters 46, 48 and 49. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

Formula Funding: The Commissioner shall make allocations to local school districts under Chapters 46, 48 and 49 based on:

- (a) estimates of average daily attendance provided by the Texas Education Agency in March 2025;
- (b) local district tax rates as determined by the Legislative Budget Board;

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- (c) final tax year 2024 property values; and
- (d) assumed increases in property values, and the estimates of local tax collections on which they are based, as estimated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, of 5.50 percent for tax year 2025 and by 4.94 percent for tax year 2026.

The estimates identified in subsections (a) - (d) are projections provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Education Agency and used solely to determine initial state aid payments to school districts, and do not factor into the calculations of local tax base changes. Actual property value changes are determined by local appraisal districts.

Not later than October 1, 2026, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.269, the TEA shall submit to the LBB estimates of student attendance and projections for allotments under Texas Education Code Sections 48.107, 48.110, 48.112, 48.114, 48.151, 48.153, 48.155, 48.156, 48.307, and 48.308.

Not later than October 1, 2026, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.269, the CPA shall submit to the LBB estimated statewide taxable property value for tax years 2025 and 2026, including estimated growth of taxable value from tax year 2025 to tax year 2026, and projected statewide taxable property value for tax years 2027 and 2028.

To the extent that estimates provided for in subsections (a) - (d) above differ from a school district's actual average daily attendance, tax rates, property values, or local tax collections, the Commissioner shall settle-up with local school districts pursuant to Rider 7, Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Attendance Credit Revenues and applicable provisions in Texas Education Code, Chapters 46, 48, and 49.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program basic tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 48.051, the Basic Allotment is established at \$6,160 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,160 fiscal year 2027.

For purposes of distributing the Foundation School Program enrichment tier state aid appropriated above and in accordance with Section 48.202(a-1)(1), the Guaranteed Yield is \$132.40 in fiscal year 2026 and \$140.02 in fiscal year 2027, and in accordance with Section 48.202(a-1)(2), the Guaranteed Yield is \$49.28 in fiscal year 2026 and \$49.28 in fiscal year 2027.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of the Foundation School Fund No. 193 is for the New Instructional Facilities Allotment under Texas Education Code, Section 48.152.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.115, the School Safety Allotment is set at \$10 per student in average daily attendance, plus \$1 per student in average daily attendance for every \$50 by which the district's maximum basic allotment under Section 48.051 exceeds \$6,160, and \$15,000 per campus, estimated to be \$185,000,000 in each fiscal year.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.307, Additional State Aid for State-Approved Instructional Materials is set at \$40 per enrolled student in each fiscal year for procuring instructional materials that have been approved by the SBOE. Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, and pursuant to Section 48.308, Additional State Aid For Open Education Resource Instructional Material, is an amount not to exceed \$20 for each student for printing and shipping of open education resource instructional materials. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, TEA may transfer amounts from the Foundation School Program under Sections 48.307 and 48.308, estimated to be \$254,899,920 in fiscal year 2026 and \$266,969,717 in fiscal year 2027, to Strategy B.2.1, Technology/Instructional Materials, to implement the provisions of HB1605, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session.

Included in amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider to the Foundation School Program, \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium out of the Foundation School Fund No. 193 is for the Gifted and Talented Student Allotment under Texas Education Code, Section 48.109.

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From the amount appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency for Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, in each year of the 2026-27 biennium, the Commissioner may not spend more than the amount that, together with all other amounts appropriated from the Foundation School Fund or another source of the Foundation School Program or for paying the costs of school property tax relief, is necessary to achieve a tax rate compression percentage, as defined by Texas Education Code, Sections 48.255, 48.2551, and 48.2552, and fully fund the school funding formulas under Texas Education Code, Chapters 48 and 49, without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2552(c), in fiscal year 2026, the state compression percentage as calculated in Texas Education Code, Section 48.255, shall be reduced by 3.37 percentage points.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Education Agency may:

- (a) make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and Strategy A.1.2, FSP - Equalized Facilities; and
- (b) transfer Foundation School Program funds from fiscal year 2027 to 2026 to the extent necessary to avoid reductions in state aid as authorized by Texas Education Code, Section 48.266(f).

The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of any such transfers at least 15 business days prior to the transfer.

The Texas Education Agency shall submit reports on the prior month's expenditures on programs described by this rider no later than the 20th day of each month to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office in a format determined by the Legislative Budget Board in cooperation with the agency.

Contingent on the Commissioner of Education identifying a budget surplus of Foundation School Program funds appropriated above in either fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, the Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor in writing no later than 30 calendar days before taking any action pursuant to the Texas Education Code, Sections 7.062, 48.258, 48.259, 48.260, 48.261, or 48.265.

Appropriations provided above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, fully fund an estimated \$1,714,700,000 to reflect changes in student population projections.

**4. Foundation School Program Set-Asides.** The programs and their funding levels identified in this rider represent all programs at the Texas Education Agency and other state agencies that are funded with amounts set aside from the Foundation School Program. The amounts listed in this rider are for informational purposes only, and do not constitute an appropriation:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Gifted and Talented Performance Standards	\$437,500	\$437,500
Early Childhood Intervention	\$16,498,102	\$16,498,102
MATHCOUNTS Program	\$200,000	\$200,000
 TOTAL, FSP Set-Asides	 \$17,135,602	 \$17,135,602

**5. Transportation Allotment.** Pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.151, for purposes of distributing the Transportation Allotment, the rate per mile per regular eligible student is set at \$1.00 in each fiscal year of the biennium; the maximum mileage rate for special education transportation shall be \$1.08 per mile; and the private transportation rate shall be \$0.25 per mile or a maximum of \$816 per pupil for both special education and isolated areas as defined by Texas Education Code, Subsections 48.151(e) and (g).

**6. Windham Schools.** The funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.4, Windham School District, are to be expended to support academic and career and technical education (CTE) programs approved by the Texas Education Agency. The Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$75,995,955 in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Windham School District based on contact hours for the best 180 of 210 school days in each year of the biennium. The contact hour rates for the 2026-27 biennium are estimated to be: \$4.69807 for academic education, \$3.87648 for CTE.

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The Windham School District shall use funds appropriated above to serve those students whose participation will help achieve the goals of reduced recidivism and the increased success of former students in obtaining and maintaining employment. To achieve these goals, younger people with the lowest educational levels and the earliest projected release or parole eligibility dates should receive high priority. This policy shall not preclude the Windham School District from serving other populations according to needs and resources. For students who successfully complete the district's program during the 2024-25 biennium, the Windham School District shall report to the Ninetieth Legislature on the following: recidivism rates, employment rates, and attainment of GEDs, high school diplomas, professional certifications, and adult education literacy levels.

**7. Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Attendance Credit Revenues.**

When reviews and audits of allocations to school districts reveal the allocations previously made were greater or less than the amounts found to be due, the Texas Education Agency may recover or pay the sums necessary to adjust to the correct amounts. All such amounts recovered shall become a part of the Foundation School Fund or General Revenue Fund, and the amounts necessary to make such additional payments to the school districts are appropriated from the Foundation School Fund or General Revenue Fund.

All funds received from local school districts as recovery for overpayment pursuant to the provisions of Texas Education Code, Section 48.272, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to local school districts for Foundation School Program purposes.

All unexpended balances and all funds received from the payment of school districts for attendance credits in excess of the amounts appropriated above pursuant to the provisions of Texas Education Code, Section 49.154, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to school districts for Foundation School Program purposes.

**8. Instructional Materials and Technology.** Except as explicitly allowed elsewhere in this Act, any amount expended pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 31.021, including expenditures for instructional materials administration, shall be paid out of the State Instructional Materials and Technology Fund (IMTF) appropriated for that purpose. A transfer of funds from the Available School Fund (ASF) to the IMTF is authorized in an amount which, together with other revenues of the IMTF, is sufficient to finance the sum-certain appropriation from the IMTF for each fiscal year. Penalties assessed by the State Board of Education (SBOE) shall be deposited to the credit of the IMTF.

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Sections 31.0211 and 31.0214, the Commissioner shall allocate the funds available in the IMTF to school districts and charter schools for each student enrolled in the district or charter school on a date during the preceding year specified by the Commissioner and shall adjust the State Instructional Materials and Technology Allotment (IMTA) of school districts and charter schools experiencing high enrollment growth (HEG) according to rules adopted by the Commissioner.

Before July 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website a report regarding any funding adjustments made under rules adopted by the Commissioner for schools experiencing HEG. The report shall detail the following:

- (1) the HEG methodology and calculations used to determine the distribution of funds and any changes to the methodology and calculations since the last determination of adjustments,
- (2) the number of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools eligible for adjustments, and
- (3) the total amount of adjustments.

It is the intent of the Legislature that for any state fiscal biennium, districts and open-enrollment charter schools do not exceed spending 75 percent of the total IMTA for instructional materials under Texas Education Code, Section 31.0211, for the most recent biennium for which the allotment has been determined.



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It is the intent of the Legislature that the SBOE ensure that any instructional materials and technology purchased using funds disbursed from the IMTF meet the requirements for certification under 47 U.S.C. Sections 254(h)(5)(B) and (C) to the extent the certification is applicable to those materials.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the SBOE consider the cost of all instructional materials and technology requirements when determining the disbursement of money to the ASF and the amount of that disbursement that will be used, in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 43.001(d), to fund the IMTA under Texas Education Code, Section 31.0211.

From funds appropriated from the IMTF, the Commissioner may set aside an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the 2026-27 biennium for the continued support and delivery of online college readiness materials in English language arts and reading, mathematics, science, and social studies.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, \$1,042,679,721 from the IMTF is allocated in the 2026-27 biennium for instructional materials and technology. In addition to these funds, \$4,541,909 is appropriated in the 2026-27 biennium in the agency's administrative strategies from the IMTF. Total appropriations from the IMTF in the 2026-27 biennium equal \$1,047,221,630.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, \$22,539,992 from the General Revenue Fund are allocated each fiscal year of the biennium for the annual review of instructional materials as outlined in Texas Education Code, Sections 31.022 and 31.023.

The Commissioner shall provide juvenile justice alternative education programs with instructional materials necessary to support classroom instruction in those programs. The cost of the instructional materials shall be funded with amounts from the IMTF appropriated to the agency for the 2026-27 biennium.

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 322.0082, the amount set aside under Texas Education Code, Section 43.001(d), is estimated to be \$2,407,000,000 for the biennium.

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 322.0082(2), the amount that is remaining in the IMTF from the previous biennium that is available for use is estimated to be \$233,067,672 for the 2026-27 biennium. The amount less than the amount set aside by SBOE under Texas Education Code, Section 46.001(d), is estimated to be \$1,359,360,042. This amount will remain in the ASF for distribution to school districts pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 5(c) and Texas Education Code, Section 43.001(b).

The Texas Education Agency is appropriated any balances held in the IMTF on August 31, 2025, for use in fiscal year 2026 for the same purposes.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

**9. Day-care Expenditures.** It is expressly provided that the pre-school day care programs, such as the Early Childhood Program for Educationally Disadvantaged Children and Special Education and Training for Pre-School Children with Disabilities administered by the Texas Education Agency, are day-care programs. The funds expended in those programs on behalf of children meeting eligibility requirements in accordance with interagency contracts with the Texas Education Agency under the day care program of the Social Security Act shall be considered as expenditures for day care.

**10. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of the funds appropriated above (including federal funds), is limited to the following advisory committees:

- 1) Title 1, Committee of Practitioners/Ed Flex State Panel
- 2) Continuing Advisory Committee for Special Education
- 3) Instructional Materials State Review Panel
- 4) Texas Technical Advisory Committee
- 5) State Parent Advisory Council for Migrant Education
- 6) Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) Review Committees
- 7) Texas Educator Review Committee

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- 8) Texas Early Learning Council
- 9) Compensatory Education Allotment Advisory Committee
- 10) Educator Advisory Committee
- 11) State Advisory Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- 12) Adult High School Charter School Program Advisory Committee
- 13) Instructional Materials and Technology Advisory Committee
- 14) Open Education Resource Advisory Board
- 15) The 1836 Project Advisory Committee

It is the intent of the Legislature that advisory committees of the Texas Education Agency use videoconferencing technology to conduct meetings in lieu of physical assembly whenever possible.

- 11. Student Testing Program.** The Commissioner shall use the Federal Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability System, to cover the cost of developing, administering, and scoring assessment instruments in the student testing program. Any remaining costs associated with developing, administering, or scoring the assessment instruments required under Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, Subchapter B shall be paid from amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Assessment and Accountability System.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1 in the 2026-27 biennium is \$70,000,000 appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of implementing House Bill 3906, 86th Legislature. Unless transferred in accordance with the limitations specified in Texas Education Agency Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, the Texas Education Agency shall not transfer any funds for the purposes of implementing House Bill 3906, 86th Legislature from Foundation School Fund 193 in the 2026-27 biennium.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1 is \$4,418,832 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purposes of implementing House Bill 1225, 88th Legislature, Regular Session.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 12. Summer School for Children who are Emergent Bilingual.** Out of Federal Funds appropriated for Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, \$3,800,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium is allocated for summer school programs for children who are emergent bilingual as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 29.060.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

**13. Funding for Students with Disabilities.**

- (a) This rider identifies dedicated funding for students with disabilities to provide clarity and transparency of funding from Strategies A.2.3, Students with Disabilities; and A.2.4, School Improvement and Supports.
- (b) In this Act all discretionary grants of state or federal funds by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall be considered independent school districts for purposes of eligibility determination, unless the Commissioner of Education and the school's superintendents mutually agree to an alternate consideration.
- (c) From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the following amounts shall be set aside and/or allocated from federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, discretionary funds for the activities described below:
  - (1) An amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 in the biennium for the purchase of accessibility remediation of instructional materials, captioning of video and multimedia instructional materials, braille, large print, and related materials for students with disabilities.

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- (2) A set-aside of 10.5 percent during the biennium, to fund:
- (A) capacity building projects, including professional development and support, for school districts to provide access to the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities; and
  - (B) multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) processes for struggling learners in general education settings.

Regarding (c)(2), before August 31, 2027, TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and post on the agency's website a report that includes the following information: the total amount awarded to the Texas Education Agency through IDEA, Part B; the amount of IDEA, Part B funds set aside and reserved for state-level activities; and the amount of funds set aside to fund capacity building projects, including professional development and support, for school districts to provide access to the general curriculum in the least restrictive environment for students with disabilities and MTSS processes for struggling learners in general education settings, as required by this rider.

- (3) \$1,297,281 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to support classroom instruction.
- (4) \$457,679 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Texas School for the Deaf, to support classroom instruction.
- (5) \$150,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide technical assistance to dyslexia specialists employed at the Regional Education Service Centers pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 8.061. The Regional Education Service Centers shall ensure that resources are used efficiently to provide a specialist to any school district or charter school that needs a specialist.
- (6) An amount not to exceed \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to continue a program of providing state adopted instructional materials using digital audio technology for students with visual impairment and other print disabilities as appropriate in prekindergarten through 12th grade.
- (7) An amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of conducting an educational outreach program to provide instructional materials in accessible formats to individuals with print disabilities affording reading accommodation and providing instruction and training in the use of accessible instructional materials and related assistive technology.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items 1-7 above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- (d) The commissioner shall implement the provisions of IDEA, pertaining to a local educational agency risk pool. The Commissioner shall allocate allowable amounts under IDEA for each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a Texas high-cost fund to assist districts and charter schools with high need students with disabilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be used by school districts and charter schools in a manner that does not violate the least restrictive environment requirements of IDEA, relating to placement and state funding systems that distribute funds based on type of setting.
- (e) From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support the Best Buddies Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.
- (f) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, the following amounts shall be set-aside and/or allocated for the following activities:
  - (1) \$5,655,268 in each fiscal year of the biennium for statewide services for students with visual impairments as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 30.002.

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- (2) \$987,300 in each fiscal year of the biennium for non-educational community-based support services for certain students with disabilities as authorized under Texas Education Code, Section 29.013.
- (3) \$125,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide technical assistance to dyslexia specialists employed at the Regional Education Service Centers pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 8.061. The Regional Education Service Centers shall ensure that resources are used efficiently to provide a specialist to any school district or charter school that needs one.
- (4) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants to organizations that provide statewide, Unified Sports, comprehensive early child development to adult transition programs with data-based health, social, leadership, transition and athletic programs for students with intellectual disabilities.
- (5) \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide competitive grants for innovative services for students with autism. The grants must prioritize meaningful inclusion of students with autism across all school settings.
- (6) Up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to focus on state level professional development for school personnel and parents of student with autism including a focus on identification of such students.
- (7) \$33,133,200 in each fiscal year of the biennium for funding for Regional Day School Programs for the Deaf, to be allocated on a weighted full-time equivalent basis. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, if the allocations total more than \$33,133,200 in each fiscal year, the Commissioner shall transfer sufficient amounts from other available funds to provide the full allocation.
- (8) A set-aside of \$16,498,102 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Special Education allotment for transfer to the Health and Human Services Commission to support Early Childhood Intervention eligibility determinations and comprehensive transition services. TEA shall enter into an Interagency Contract (IAC) with the Health and Human Services Commission for the purpose of providing funds to Early Childhood Intervention contractors for eligibility determination and comprehensive transition services. The IAC shall include a listing of the specific services that the funding will support and other provisions the agencies deem necessary. TEA shall provide a signed copy of the IAC to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, no later than October 1, 2026.
- (9) An amount not to exceed \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purpose of conducting an educational outreach program to provide instructional materials in accessible formats to individuals with print disabilities affording reading accommodation and providing instruction and training in the use of accessible instructional materials and related assistive technology.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items (f) 1-8 above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 14. Estimated Appropriation for Incentive Aid for Voluntary District Consolidation.** Out of Foundation School Program funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the Commissioner may allocate an estimated amount of \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for incentive aid payments under Texas Education Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Education Agency may make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, if the actual cost of Incentive Aid exceeds the amount estimated in any fiscal year of the biennium.
- 15. MATHCOUNTS and Academic Competitions.** Out of Foundation School Program Gifted and Talented funds appropriated in B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall set aside \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the MATHCOUNTS Program. In addition, out of General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, \$200,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be allocated to the Academic Decathlon program that fosters academic competition predominantly for high school students.

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**16. Communities In Schools.** Out of funds appropriated above for Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, \$35,521,816 in General Revenue Fund appropriations and \$4,035,622 in TANF funds in each fiscal year of the biennium is allocated for the Communities In Schools Program. In addition to funds identified elsewhere in this rider, \$870,490 in TANF funds is allocated to Strategies B.3.2 - B.3.5 for administrative purposes of the program each fiscal year of the biennium.

Notwithstanding any other limitation imposed elsewhere in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer General Revenue Fund appropriations identified above and appropriated for the purpose of providing grants under the Communities In Schools program to Strategies B.3.2 - B.3.5 for the purpose of providing administrative support for the program. Transfers made under the authority of this rider may not exceed \$150,000 for the 2026-27 biennium. TANF funds may be expended for administrative purposes in accordance with the applicable limitations of the TANF state plan.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**17. Allocation of Funds to South Texas Independent School District.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Commissioner of Education shall provide the South Texas Independent School District with adequate access to funding under the enrichment tier of the Foundation School Program. The Commissioner shall adjust payments to the South Texas Independent School District to equal an amount to which the district would be entitled at the average effective tax rate under Texas Education Code, Section 48.202, in other school districts in Cameron County less the tax rate set by the district itself.

**18. Appropriation Limited Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the programs pursuant to the statutes referenced below shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of the appropriations made to support the programs above in Strategies B.3.2 - B.3.5, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with those programs. Direct costs for the programs referenced below are estimated to be \$31,870,549 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,863,696 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" for these programs are estimated to be \$2,527,072 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,551,812 in fiscal year 2027:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Statutory Reference</b>
Guaranteed Program for School District and Charter School Bonds	TEC Sec. 45.055
Texas Certificate of High School Equivalency	TEC Sec. 7.111
Educator Certification	TEC Sec. 21.041
Criminal History Background Check	TEC Sec. 22.0837
Educator Preparation Program Approval and Accountability	TEC Sec. 21.041
Texas High Performance Schools Consortium Fee	TEC Sec. 7.0561

In the event that actual and/or projected fee revenue collections are insufficient to offset program costs, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided for these programs to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.

All fees collected in excess of the Comptroller of Public Accounts Biennial Revenue Estimate for each individual fee program are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency to be spent on the program that generated the fees. Under no circumstances may the Texas Education Agency expend fees collected from one program in support of another program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**19. Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds.** The restrictions of this rider, rather than those of the General Provisions of this Act, apply to the Texas Education Agency's transfer of appropriations between strategies. For the purposes of this rider, the Texas Education Agency's non-administrative strategies include all strategies in Goal A, Provide Education System Leadership, Guidance, and Resources, and Strategies B.1.1-B.3.1 in Goal B, Provide System

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Oversight and Support; administrative strategies include Strategies B.3.2-B.3.6. For the purposes of this rider, non-Foundation School Program strategies include Strategies A.2.1-A.2.4 in Goal A, Provide Education System Leadership, Guidance, and Resources, and Strategies B.1.1-B.3.1 in Goal B, Provide System Oversight and Support. For purposes of this rider, funds appropriated for the purpose of funding the Foundation School Program consist of the sum certain appropriation contained in Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding.

Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency in non-administrative strategies may not be spent for administrative purposes unless they are first transferred to an administrative strategy in accordance with this rider. The agency shall not transfer out of a non-Foundation School Program strategy. As a specific exception to this requirement, if the Department of Information Resources requires the Texas Education Agency to utilize the data center services contract to obtain information technology goods or services needed for the implementation of a program in a non-Foundation School Program strategy, the agency may transfer an amount not to exceed the cost of the specific goods or services from the non-Foundation School Program strategy to the agency's Data Center Consolidation item of its capital budget. Any such transfer required by the Department of Information Resources is excluded from limitations on budgetary transfers described in Article IX, Part 14, of this Act. The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board of any such transfers not less than 15 calendar days prior to the transfer.

Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the purpose of funding the Foundation School Program may not be transferred to a non-Foundation School Program item of appropriation or expended for a non-Foundation School Program purpose unless the Commissioner of Education provides written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor of intent to transfer such funds at least 45 calendar days prior to the execution of the transfer. Such transfers from the Foundation School Program appropriation to other items of appropriation shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

The Commissioner of Education will provide written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor of intent to transfer federal funds awarded to the Texas Education Agency through the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), Part B funds, which are set aside and reserved for state-level activities and allowed to be used for IDEA administrative purposes, and appropriated above from non-administrative strategies to IDEA administrative programs 45 calendar days prior to the execution of the transfer. Transferred funding shall support the agency's administration of federal IDEA, Part B programs as allowable by federal regulations. This transfer may not exceed \$10,000,000 per biennium and is excluded from the \$10,000,000 transfer limit referenced above.

From amounts included within the \$10,000,000 transfer allowance from the Foundation School Program, the Commissioner may annually transfer up to \$1,000,000 of appropriated funds to an administrative strategy upon notification and approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall cooperate as necessary to assist the completion of a transfer and spending made under this section.

**20. Additional Funding Sources.** If the appropriations provided by this Act for the Foundation School Program are not sufficient to provide for expenditures for enrollment growth, district tax rate or taxable value of property, after accounting for any other appropriations made to the TEA and available for transfer for this purpose, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may provide for and may direct, the transfer of sufficient amounts of funds to the TEA from appropriations made elsewhere in this Act.

**21. Funding for Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.**

- (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, an estimated \$5,937,500 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for the support of Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.
- (b) The actual amount transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall be determined by a formula established in the bill pattern for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department that is based on a reimbursement rate, average daily attendance, and other pertinent factors.
- (c) Should the amount identified in subsection (a) be insufficient to make such a transfer to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as identified in subsection (b), the Commissioner of

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Education may transfer from the Foundation School Program an amount up to the difference between subsection (a) and subsection (b) to Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety. This difference would be transferred to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department for the purpose described in subsection (a).

- (d) Any transfer from the Foundation School Program to Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety pursuant to subsection (c), shall be subject neither to the transfer restrictions included in the General Provisions of this Act nor to the limitations on transfers included in Texas Education Agency Rider 19, Limitation on Transfer and Use of Funds. At least 15 calendar days prior to any transfer from the Foundation School Program, as described in subsection (c), the Commissioner of Education shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of the amount and purpose of the transfer.

**22. FSP Funding for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department Foundation School Program allotments under Texas Education Code, Sections 48.051, 48.102, 48.103, 48.104, 48.105, and 48.106 minus the amounts allocated to the department pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 30.102(a), for each student in average daily attendance. These amounts are estimated to be \$7,165,579 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,165,579 in fiscal year 2027. To the extent that reviews of Texas Juvenile Justice Department student data reveal the allocations previously made were greater than or lesser than the estimated amounts, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department shall coordinate to make up the difference. This transfer shall not be subject to the limitation in Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds.

**23. Certification of Pre-kindergarten Expenditures.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Texas Education Agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board each year of the biennium the maximum pre-kindergarten expenditures allowable under federal law as maintenance of effort for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and state match for the Child Care Development Fund. TEA shall calculate allowable expenditures using currently collected data elements and incorporating a methodology developed in coordination with the Legislative Budget Board.

**24. Funding for Regional Education Service Centers.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support, the Commissioner shall distribute \$11,875,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to Regional Education Service Centers to provide professional development and other technical assistance services to school districts. No more than one-third of the amounts identified in this rider shall be distributed by the Commissioner for core services based on criteria established in Texas Education Code, Section 8.121. The remaining amounts shall be distributed through a formula based on:

- (a) geographic considerations; and
- (b) school districts serving less than 1,600 students and open-enrollment charter schools.

The formula for distribution shall be determined by the Commissioner but shall provide enhanced funding to Regional Education Service Centers that primarily serve small and rural school districts. The Commissioner shall obtain approval for the distribution formula from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor if a change has been made from the prior year's formula for distribution.

Each Regional Education Service Center shall include in the biennial report to the Commissioner, by a date and in a format established by the Commissioner, the following data as relates to expenditures in the prior state fiscal year:

- (a) the amount of savings provided to school districts as a result of services provided by a Regional Education Service Center, by total amount and on a per student in weighted average daily attendance (WADA) served basis;
- (b) services provided by the Regional Education Service Centers and a cost comparison to similar services provided by alternative providers;
- (c) for each service provided by the Regional Education Service Center, the number of full-time equivalent Regional Education Service Center positions, total salaries, and the method of financing associated with the service; and

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- (d) a description of all programs and funding amounts (contracts and grants) transferred from TEA to the Regional Education Service Centers during the prior state fiscal year. The report shall identify instances in which a transfer is added to the administrative cost of a program and any evidence suggesting that a transfer delayed the distribution of program funds to school districts.

The Commissioner shall provide a consolidated report of the data described above no later than December of each even numbered year, to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor's Office, and to the presiding officers of the standing committees with primary jurisdiction over public education in the Texas House and the Texas Senate.

No funds transferred to the Regional Education Service Centers or to school districts may be used to hire a registered lobbyist.

- 25. Receipt and Use of Grants, Federal Funds, and Royalties.** The Commissioner of Education is authorized to apply for, receive and disburse funds in accordance with plans or applications acceptable to the responsible federal agency or other public or private entity that are made available to the State of Texas for the benefit of education and such funds are appropriated to the specific purpose for which they are granted. For the 2026-27 biennium, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated any royalties and license fees from the sale or use of education products developed through federal and state funded contracts managed by the agency. The Texas Education Agency shall report on a quarterly basis to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor on grants or earnings received pursuant to the provisions of this rider, and on the planned use of those funds.

Any grant or royalty balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the 2027 fiscal year for the same purpose.

- 26. Child Nutrition Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Child Nutrition Program payments to independent school districts be budgeted at the Texas Education Agency. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency for the 2026-27 biennium is \$5,861,808,506 out of Federal Funds and \$28,486,002 out of the General Revenue Fund to provide reimbursements for the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, After School Care, and Seamless Summer Option Programs.

Under the authority of the letter of agreement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Department of Agriculture shall administer the Child Nutrition Program. Included in the amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026-27 biennium is \$80,932,321 out of Federal Funds and \$398,248 out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.1, Support Federally Funded Nutrition Programs in Schools and Communities, to administer the Child Nutrition Program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 27. JJAEP Accountability.** The Commissioner shall provide information to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) for the purpose of the TJJD preparing the juvenile justice alternative education program performance assessment report and submitting the report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by May 1, 2026. The Commissioner shall provide to the TJJD the requested information if the request provides a minimum of 20 business days in which to respond.

- 28. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources.** The Texas Education Agency is exempted from the capital budget rider provisions contained in Article IX of this Act when gifts, grants, inter-local funds, and federal funds are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor, or federal agency for the purchase of specific capital items.

Amounts expended from these funding sources shall not count against the limitation imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act. For projects related to revision of major state data systems, TEA shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor upon receipt of such funds of the amount received and the planned expenditures. It is the intent of the Legislature that projects funded in any part under the authority of this rider not be exempt from any requirements of the Quality Assurance Team.



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The Texas Education Agency may transfer from a non-capital budget item to an existing capital budget item or a new capital budget item not present in the agency's bill pattern to support the implementation of a federal program completely paid for with federal funds appropriated above. Such a purchase is contingent upon:

- (a) implementation of a new, unanticipated project that is 100 percent federally funded; or
- (b) the unanticipated expansion of an existing project that is 100 percent federally funded; and
- (c) notification to the State Auditor's Office and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and approval from the Legislative Budget Board and Governor.

The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issue a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

**29. Educator Quality and Leadership.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall expend \$14,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for initiatives that will systematically transform educator quality and effectiveness statewide through improved teacher and principal hiring and recruitment, mentoring, preparation including standards related to educator preparation and program quality, induction, evaluation, professional development, including micro-credential certification programs, career pathways, and retention. The Commissioner shall ensure that funds directed by this rider are allocated in a manner that maximizes receipt of federal grant funding for similar purposes.

From amounts referenced in the paragraph above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- (a) \$7,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to implement standards on educator quality, including standards related to educator preparation and principal quality, and other innovative educator leadership and staffing supports;
- (b) \$2,000,000 for the 2026-27 biennium for Humanities Texas to support the Teacher Institute program targeting teachers in their first or second year of service in geographic areas with low student achievement on state assessments;
- (c) \$19,500,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to support Innovative Programs that support educator development or increase achievement outcomes based on a proven and demonstrable track record of improving student, campus, and district achievement, such as Math Innovation Zones, Systems of Great Schools, and other innovative campus or district system improvements. The Commissioner shall require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering Innovative Programs to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program; and,
- (d) \$500,000 for the 2026-27 biennium for the development and implementation of a Digital Teaching Micro-Credential to recognize educator readiness and skill in delivering virtual education with excellence and geared toward student success.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**30. Early Childhood School Readiness Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, \$3,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be distributed to the Children's Learning Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to be used to support the Early Childhood School Readiness Program. The Early Childhood School Readiness Program resources and services will be provided to public prekindergarten, Head Start, university early childhood programs, and/or private non-profit early childhood care programs that have entered into an integrated program with a public school. The Texas Education Agency shall expend these funds in accordance with the following provisions:

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Funds shall be distributed on a competitive grant basis to preschool programs to provide scientific, research-based instruction across primary development domains including, but not limited to, physical, mathematical concepts and thinking, language and communication, literacy, reading and writing, and social emotional development with the goal of directly improving the skills of three- and four-year-old children and improving overall kindergarten readiness. To be eligible for the grants, applicants must serve at least 75 percent low income students, as determined by the Commissioner. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency participate to the extent practicable in interagency early childhood education and care coordination initiatives. This includes, but is not limited to, participation in the Head Start collaboration project or any other interagency entity formed to address the coordination of early childhood care and education service delivery and funding.

From amounts referenced above, the Texas Education Agency shall ensure that the Children's Learning Institute at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston uses funds to support the Texas School Ready! system, Engage, and CIRCLE platforms and implement the following requirements:

- (a) Provide statewide online access to research-based professional development for beginning, intermediate and advanced instruction and activities across the primary developmental domains;
- (b) Provide statewide online access to research-based professional development courses across the primary developmental domains;
- (c) Provide statewide access and support for CIRCLE student progress monitoring to assist teachers with determining a child's progress in the primary developmental domains and plan effective instruction; and
- (d) Significantly increase the impact and use of the Texas School Ready! system, Engage, and CIRCLE platforms.

The Commissioner shall require The Children's Learning Institute to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program in meeting the requirements identified in this rider.

In the expenditure of funds referenced above, the Texas Education Agency or any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering programs under this rider shall comply with contract management requirements pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 2262.

As a condition of receipt of these funds, the Commissioner shall require the Children's Learning Institute to submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Board, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the Legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education not later than December 1 of each year providing detailed information on the expenditure of state funds and performance data in the prior fiscal year for purposes of programs administered under this rider.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 31. Student Success Initiative/Community Partnerships.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall expend \$5,245,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Student Success Initiative/Community Partnerships. The Commissioner shall award grants to schools with high percentages of students who do not perform satisfactorily on relevant state assessments, and that serve the most struggling neighborhoods, as determined by the Commissioner, to implement a comprehensive support program that increases the number of students performing on grade level by leveraging academic, community, and governmental supports. The Commissioner shall prioritize issuing awards based on applications that demonstrate a commitment to improved outcomes on clear performance measures.

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The Commissioner may require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering the programs under this rider to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 32. School Improvement and Governance Support.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, the Commissioner shall expend \$1,237,500 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide intervention, governance and turnaround assistance, and technical assistance to campuses, districts and charter schools in accordance with provisions related to the state accountability system under Texas Education Code, Chapter 39, and federal law related to school accountability.

From amounts referenced above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- (a) to provide campus, charter, and district intervention;
- (b) to provide governance and turnaround assistance services to districts and campuses with identified student performance or financial concerns; and
- (c) to provide technical or governance assistance to charter schools.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 33. Virtual School Network.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.5, Information Systems and Technology, \$400,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used for the operation of a state virtual school network. The Commissioner shall use agency resources and information systems to operate the state virtual school network.

In addition to the amounts above, all revenues received under the authority of Texas Education Code, Chapter 30A are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of administering the state virtual school network.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 34. Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.** Out of the appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall spend \$9,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to fund the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative.

In the administration of the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, funding shall be allocated for both the pre-Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate activities and for the Advanced Placement Incentive Program. In the allocation of funding for the Texas Advanced Placement Initiative, the Texas Education Agency shall award funds for examination fee subsidies for students and for teacher training.

It shall be the goal of the Texas Education Agency that Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses are available at as many public school campuses as possible, without regard to the rural/urban status of the campus and the socioeconomic characteristics of its students.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 35. Financial Aid for Swift Transfer.** Notwithstanding the restrictions contained in Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) bill pattern, and pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.308(c), out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, the Commissioner of Education shall transfer to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) from the Foundation School Program in each fiscal year an amount sufficient to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses offered by certain public institutions of higher education (estimated to be

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\$78,650,000 in fiscal year 2026 for school year 2025-26 and \$86,515,000 in fiscal year 2027 for school year 2026-27, and any amounts transferred under the TEA Rider 92, General Appropriations Act, Eighty-eighth Legislature, 2023, during fiscal year 2026).

To the extent that estimates provided above for each school year differ from actual amounts required to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses as a result of House Bill 8, Eighty-eighth Legislature, 2023, Regular Session, the TEA shall transfer to the THECB the additional amounts necessary to distribute the required amounts to participating institutions in a timely manner. The THECB shall settle up with the TEA in the subsequent fiscal year. The TEA may recover from or transfer to the THECB the additional amounts necessary for the THECB to reflect the correct amounts. By December 1 of each fiscal year, the THECB shall report to the TEA and the Legislative Budget Board the final amounts required for each school year and the total amounts transferred during each fiscal year.

- 36. Amachi Texas.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Achievement of Students at Risk, the Commissioner shall allocate \$7,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Amachi Texas program for mentoring children of incarcerated parents and other at-risk identified students. To the extent possible, in the administration of the Amachi Texas program, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star shall coordinate with other community-based entities providing training for mentors and mentoring services and shall seek additional funding from other private and public sources in order to expand services to more eligible children. The Commissioner may require Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

Any unexpended balances available as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 37. Texas Academic Innovation and Mentoring.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$2,137,500 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to the Texas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for statewide operation of the Texas Academic Innovation and Mentoring Program (Texas AIM). The Commissioner may require the Texas Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 38. Perkins Reserve Fund Distribution.** In the distribution of federal funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall include the percentage of a school district's Career and Technical Education courses that meet a regional labor market need as defined by the Local Workforce Development Board for the district's region as one of the criteria for distribution of Reserve Funds from the Perkins Basic Grant to school districts, in accordance with federal law. A region is defined as the Workforce Development Areas organized by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The TEA shall include information on the impact of this provision to the distribution of Reserve Funds to Texas school districts in its Perkins Consolidated Annual Report to the U.S. Department of Education.

- 39. Texas Gateway and Online Resources.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$7,302,500 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support online educator and student resources. From amounts referenced above, the Commissioner shall set aside funds for the following purposes:

- (a) \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium for the hosting, and maintenance of online educator and student educational resources and the secure provisioning of user accounts;
- (b) \$1,352,500 in each fiscal year the biennium for the Lesson Study Initiative which include teacher development of best-practice lessons and supporting tools;
- (c) \$1,950,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to reimburse districts for costs and fees related to students taking OnRamps Dual Enrollment courses and fees associated with instructor training related to OnRamps; and

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- (d) \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to reimburse district costs related to professional development provided by UTeach and other providers, focused on improving blended-learning teacher preparation.

To ensure effective monitoring of programs funded by this rider and the efficient use of public resources, the Commissioner of Education may use funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider to develop tools necessary to collect, manage, and analyze performance data on the programs funded by this rider. The Texas Education Agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the agency expects to expend funds for such purposes.

The Commissioner shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor expenditure and performance data by October 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium. The information submitted must include:

- (a) Measures of program impact, including the number of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools served; the number of campuses served; the number of teachers served; and the number of students served by the program;
- (b) Measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth; and
- (c) Program expenditures delineated by activity.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**40. Contingent Appropriation: Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve Fund.** Contingent on the Commissioner of Education receiving a determination that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on a guaranteed bond pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 45.058, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated out of the available balance in the Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve Fund an amount as necessary to make payments pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 45.0591. If the balance in the Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve Fund is insufficient to pay the amount due on a guaranteed bond, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 45.0591(b), the balance of the unpaid principal and interest shall be paid from the Permanent School Fund.

**41. Open Education Resource Instructional Materials and High-Quality Instructional Materials Supports.**

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Technology and Instructional Materials, the commissioner shall set aside \$10,000,000 from the State Instructional Materials and Technology Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to issue a request for proposals for state-developed open education resource instructional materials under Texas Education Code, Section 31.071. It is the intent of the Legislature that the request should prioritize the procurement of:
  - (1) full subject tier one instructional materials in English language arts and mathematics courses in kindergarten through grade eight;
  - (2) prekindergarten, in subject areas related to English language arts and mathematics; and
  - (3) all foundation curriculum courses in kindergarten through grade five in a manner that permits the instruction of the content to be provided in an integrated manner; and for approximately 240 minutes of instructional time per day, including time needed each day for accelerated instruction under Texas Education Code, Section 28.0211.

The commissioner shall collaborate with the commissioner of higher education to ensure that the rigor level of any state-developed open education resource instructional materials for dual credit courses is reflective of collegiate expectations.

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- (b) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, the commissioner shall set aside \$13,797,168 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support Open Education Resources (OER) Educator and Parent Advisory Boards and OER continuous improvement review and development.
- (c) From General Revenue Fund appropriations above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the commissioner shall allocate \$98,876,780 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide funding and resources to support school systems in the use of high-quality instructional materials, including OER. From this amount, the commissioner shall set-aside and/or allocate funds for the following purposes:
  - (1) \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide school districts assistance in evaluating, adopting, or using instructional materials as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0251.
  - (2) \$12,050,499 in each fiscal year of the biennium for campus classroom and district-wide reviews of instructional materials as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0252 (e).
  - (3) \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support educator preparation programs to meet the requirements of Texas Education Code, Section 21.044 (a-1) (4) and Section 31.0753 relating to required training on OER instructional materials.
  - (4) \$70,826,281 in each fiscal year of the biennium to support school districts in the implementation and professional development of the OER instructional materials products as required by Texas Education Code, Section 31.0752.
- (d) The commissioner shall require that any external entity developing open education resource instructional materials funded by this rider provide any data deemed necessary to assess the progress and success in developing such materials. The commissioner shall annually submit a report by September 1 to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Board, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education. The report shall include information on the number and type of open education resource instructional materials developed, use of those materials by school districts and open-enrollment charter schools, and plans for assessing the effectiveness of those materials.
- (e) Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for items (a) - (c) above are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**42. Reporting on Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall annually collect information from each open-enrollment charter school concerning fees collected from students by the open-enrollment charter school under the authority of Texas Education Code, Section 12.108 (b), and information about students enrolled in an open-enrollment charter school who do not complete the school year at the school. The agency shall produce and submit to the legislature by January 1 of each year a report that details the following:

- (a) the amount each open-enrollment charter school collects for each type of fee listed by Texas Education Code, Section 11.158 (a); and
- (b) the number of students enrolled in the charter school who do not complete the school year at the school by leaver code and by the six-week period the student exited.

**43. Reporting on Year-Round Schools.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall maintain a list of schools operating on a year-round system under Texas Education Code, Section 25.084. The agency shall provide a list of the schools operating on a year-round system by January 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027. The information required by this rider shall be posted on the agency's website and submitted to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the Legislative Budget Board, and the presiding officers of the standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over public education.

**44. Mathematics Achievement Academies.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency shall use \$3,850,000 each fiscal year of the biennium to host highly professional, research-based Mathematics Achievement Academies for teachers who provide mathematics instruction to

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students at any grade level, to take place during the summer and school year, utilizing a curriculum focused on systemic instructional practices in mathematics in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 21.4553. In adopting criteria for selecting teachers who may attend under Texas Education Code, Section 21.4553(c)(1) and (c)(2), the Commissioner shall prioritize campuses with high percentages of students who do not perform satisfactorily on relevant state assessments. The Commissioner may use funds appropriated above to implement provisions of legislation relating to monitoring the effectiveness of the Mathematics Achievement Academy and its effect on teacher performance.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the same purposes.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

- 45. Literacy Achievement Academies.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency shall use \$7,125,000 each fiscal year of the biennium to host highly professional, research-based Literacy Achievement Academies for teachers who provide reading instruction to students at any grade level with a curriculum including the identification of students with dyslexia and focused on how to teach core reading and writing skills in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 21.4552. In adopting criteria for selecting teachers who may attend under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.4552(c)(1) and (c)(2), the Commissioner shall prioritize campuses with high percentages of students who do not perform satisfactorily on relevant state assessments.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the same purposes.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

- 46. Disposition of Property and Use of Funds from Closed Charter Schools.** Any recovered state funds distributed under Texas Education Code, Section 12.106, after the revocation or other cessation of operation of an entity under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the management and closure of entities and disposition of state property under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12. Proceeds from the sale of real property returned to the state due to revocation or other cessation of operation of an entity under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the management and closure of entities and disposition of state property under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12.

Funds or assets recovered through the exercise of remedies by the Texas Education Agency pursuant to a security interest in real property that is pledged as security for guaranteed bonds of charter districts under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter C, Title 2, Subtitle I, shall be transferred to the charter district bond guarantee reserve fund. In the case that assets of the Permanent School Fund were expended to pay debt service on such bonds, any recovered funds or assets or proceeds thereof that were pledged as security for guaranteed bonds of charter districts under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter C, Title 2, Subtitle I, shall be transferred to the Permanent School Fund, to the extent so expended.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances identified by this section remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended and unobligated balances identified by this section remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency by this section that are unexpended and unobligated in excess of \$2 million on the last day of the fiscal biennium are transferred to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve Fund. In pursuing disposition of state real property:

- (a) The Attorney General shall represent the Texas Education Agency in transferring title to the state, and
- (b) The General Land Office, upon request of the Commissioner of Education, may enter into an interagency agreement to assist with the marketing and sale of the state real property in an expedient manner and that allows the recovery of costs.

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Other than amounts transferable to the Permanent School Fund or the charter district bond guarantee reserve fund, one hundred percent of the receipts of property sold resulting from the revocation or cessation of operation of an entity under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, are appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for funding the management and closure of entities and disposition of state property under Texas Education Code, Chapter 12. Any unexpended and unobligated balances identified by this section remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended and unobligated balances identified by this section remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- 47. FitnessGram Program.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$1,900,000 in the 2026-27 biennium in appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of physical fitness assessments and related analysis. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no amount of this funding may be expended for any other purpose except as described in this rider.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, out of amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency shall transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in the 2026-27 biennium to Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, to use in managing and analyzing physical fitness assessment data provided by school districts, as required by Texas Education Code, Section 38.104. The agency shall use agency personnel to fulfill the statutory requirements of Texas Education Code, Section 38.104. All other funding directed by this rider shall be used to provide grants to school districts to support the administration of physical fitness assessments and related activities required by Texas Education Code, Section 38.101 and Section 38.103.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 48. College and Career Readiness School Models.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, \$8,075,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium is allocated to support College and Career Readiness School Models, including Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) and Early College High School. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, The Texas Education Agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in each fiscal year to Strategies B.3.2-B.3.5 for the purpose of providing administrative support for these programs.

A minimum of \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be used to support P-TECH programs that align with the Early College High School requirements outlined in Texas Education Code, Section 29.908(b), and include the following additional components:

- (a) dual-credit enrollment for every student participating for four to six years at no cost to the students;
- (b) academic and support services including higher education faculty, instructional materials, lab fees, and transportation;
- (c) staff to serve as liaisons between districts, higher education institutions, and business partners; and
- (d) high school and college counseling, intervention specialists, and other staff trained in providing support for students in the program.

The Commissioner shall require any entity with which the Texas Education Agency contracts for purposes of administering the programs under this rider to provide any expenditure and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of the program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.



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- 49. Public Education State Funding Transparency.** Out of funds appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency, the agency shall evaluate, for the existing and prior four biennia, state aid provided through the Foundation School Program for school districts per student in average daily attendance and per student in weighted average daily attendance. In its evaluation, the agency shall compare state aid with the rate of inflation and other factors impacting school district costs. The agency shall report its findings to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate legislative education standing committees by January 1, 2026.

No later than January 1, 2027, the Texas Education Agency shall report on its external website the following information related to the Foundation School Program for fiscal years 2016 through 2026:

- (a) the average daily attendance for charter holders;
- (b) the average daily attendance for school districts;
- (c) local revenue for public education;
- (d) state aid for public education;
- (e) the amount of state aid provided per student in average daily attendance for school districts, represented in constant dollars;
- (f) the amount of state aid provided per student in average daily attendance for charter holders, represented in constant dollars;
- (g) the amount of recapture revenue, represented in constant dollars;
- (h) the total funding provided to school districts, represented in constant dollars.

Constant dollars should consider the rate of inflation and other factors impacting school district costs.

- 50. Report on Effectiveness of Certain TEA Programs.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of programs designed to accelerate student learning and support school districts and open-enrollment charter schools in meeting state performance expectations and the requirements of House Bill 4545 of the Eighty-seventh Legislature or similar legislation relating to the assessment of public school students. The report shall identify and quantify whether measurable improvements in relevant student outcomes are attributable to each program. The report shall also include a study of the efficacy and fidelity of data analysis produced through locally implemented evaluations of educational technology programs, digital learning resources, and instructional materials. The Commissioner may require any entity with which TEA contracts for purposes of administering a program to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

In collaboration with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), TEA shall develop a list of the programs and entities to be evaluated in the report. The report shall be distributed to the House Public Education Committee, the Senate Education Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Governor, and the LBB by November 1, 2026.

Notwithstanding TEA Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, an amount determined by the Commissioner, not to exceed five percent of the funds appropriated for each program evaluated, may be expended to enable ongoing program evaluation.

- 51. Interstate Education Compacts.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy B.3.4, Central Administration, the Commissioner shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$439,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$499,000 in fiscal year 2027 for interstate education compact fees as authorized under Texas Education Code, Sections 160.02, 161.01, and 162.02.

- 52. Funding for Customized School Safety Programming.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, the Commissioner shall allocate \$1,000,000 from the General

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Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to a non-governmental organization with an established safe school institute for the purposes of providing customized school safety programming. The Commissioner may require the organization to provide any expenditure and performance data necessary to assess the success of the program.

- 53. Grants for Pre-K Services at Intergenerational Facilities.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall spend \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to fund grants to community non-profit organizations to provide Pre-K services at intergenerational facilities that also provide elderly daycare services in zip codes with below median household income.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 54. Mobile STEM Laboratory Grant Program.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner shall allocate \$3,250,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to provide grants for eight mobile science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) laboratories.

The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by January 1, 2026, a report describing the operational activities grantees used to expand the STEM lab program, summarize new educational opportunities available to schools and students, and any educational outcomes identified as a result of the funding for new laboratories in the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, Article III, TEA Rider 65. Prior to October 1, 2025, grantees responsible for the Mobile STEM labs shall provide all information needed for this report to the agency.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 55. Blended Learning Grant Program.** Out of appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium is appropriated for the purpose of providing grants and other supports to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in developing and implementing effective blended learning models.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 56. Local Designation Systems and Teacher Incentives.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, are all fees generated by the operation of local designation systems and teacher incentives as authorized under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and 48.112 (estimated to be \$7,333,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,923,000 in fiscal year 2027). Fee revenue collections appropriated under this rider are to be used exclusively for the purpose of administering the programs under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and 48.112.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer fee revenue collections that are in excess of the amount needed to comply with Texas Education Code, Section 21.3521 (d)(2) to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to use in administrative and technical support for the program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

In addition, out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, \$640,121,854 in fiscal year 2026 and \$856,613,864 in fiscal year 2027 is allocated for the local designation systems and teacher incentives under Texas Education Code, Sections 21.3521 and

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48.112. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2026 include 8,842 master, 26,526 exemplary, and 22,989 recognized teachers. The estimated number of designations for fiscal year 2027 include 11,269 master, 33,807 exemplary, and 29,299 recognized teachers.

**57. Reporting Requirement: COVID-19 Funding to School Districts.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency shall develop a final report detailing the value and uses of COVID-19 related Federal Funds provided to each school district and charter school since the beginning of the pandemic. The Texas Education Agency shall submit the report to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and any appropriate standing committee of the Legislature on December 1 and no later than June 1, 2026. The format and content of the report shall be specified by the Legislative Budget Board and posted on the TEA website.

**58. Parent-Directed Special Education Services Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, is \$30,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the purposes of implementing a parent-directed special education services program for certain public school students receiving special education services.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of amounts appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to use in administering the program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**59. Grants For Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles Courses.** It is the intent of the legislature that, out of money appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency for Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement & Support Programs, the agency shall allocate \$1,292,550 to be used in each fiscal years of the biennium to assist each school district in the state in making an Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles course available at each high school in the district. The Commissioner shall adopt a process for submission of a grant application, and require that grant funds are used only for technology, teacher training, and other expenses related to offering an Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles course.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**60. Fatherhood and Parental Involvement in Literacy Campaign.** Included in amounts appropriated above, the Texas Education Agency is appropriated \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Fatherhood and Parental Involvement in Literacy Campaign.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**61. Strong Foundations Grant Program.** Included in appropriations above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$150,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Strong Foundations Grant Program. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitations on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Part 14, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between programmatic strategies as necessary to implement Texas Education Code, Section 29.0881. The agency may transfer appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in an amount not to exceed 0.5 percent of the amount appropriated for the program during the 2026-27 biennium to Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, for the purpose of providing administrative support.

To ensure effective monitoring of programs funded by this rider and the efficient use of public resources, the commissioner may use funds appropriated by this rider to develop tools necessary to collect, manage, and analyze performance data on programs funded by this rider. The commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to the date the agency expects to expend funds for such purposes.

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

- 62. Intensive Educational Supports.** Included in appropriations from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of implementing intensive educational supports to ensure students perform on grade level and graduate ready for college, career, or the military. The grant programs and interventions may include expanding learning options for Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH); supplemental instructional supports, including tutoring; and learning acceleration supports, including innovation in curriculum and instruction, diagnosing student mastery, extended instructional time, and supports for teachers. The Texas Education Agency may take actions necessary to implement the intensive supports, including providing grants to school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between programmatic strategies as necessary to implement the programs. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 63. Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, is \$41,633,027 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,973 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to provide cybersecurity services to public school districts and placement and oversight of cybersecurity practitioners to assist Local Education Agencies (LEAs). It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Education Agency enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to provide cybersecurity services for LEAs in accordance with DIR Strategy C.1.2, Security Services. Cybersecurity services to be provided by DIR may include, but are not limited to, cybersecurity assessments, end point detection response, and network detection response. To the greatest extent possible, the agency and DIR shall coordinate such services with Education Service Centers as well as Regional Security Operation Centers. In addition, the agencies shall prioritize the use of existing statewide contracts to procure such services and may prioritize funding to high-need districts.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider between the agency's capital budget and the agency's non-capital budget as necessary to carry out the program. Such a transfer is contingent upon approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposed transfer 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated in fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 64. Civics Training Programs.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$43,875,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the purposes of developing, administering, and making available civics training programs for teachers and administrators at grade levels to be determined by the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 21.4555. Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above and allocated by this rider, the Texas Education Agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 during the 2026-27 biennium to be allocated among Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to use in administering the program.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

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- 65. Texas 1836 Project.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations, is \$205,000 each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to provide administrative support to the Texas 1836 Project Advisory Committee pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 451 and provide support for the printing and distribution of the 1836 Project pamphlet.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 66. Space Planning and Utilization.** No later than July 1, 2026, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Facilities Commission shall submit a progress report to the Legislative Budget Board on the consolidation of TEA operations into no more than five floors of the William B. Travis Building.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 67. Grant Program for Adaptive Equipment and Services.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency, is \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy A.2.3, Students with Disabilities, to provide a grant for the provision of adaptive equipment and services for children with multiple disabilities in Harris County and the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. It is the intent of the Legislature that the grantee be a non-profit organization, such as Be an Angel, serving children with disabilities that has been operating at least 10 years, has audited financials, and serves more than 1,000 children a year.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

- 68. Required Posting of Certain Information by Open-Enrollment Charter Schools.** Using money distributed to the school from funds appropriated above, each open-enrollment charter school shall post on the school's Internet website information regarding the school, including:

- (a) student academic performance;
- (b) whether the school is registered under the Texas Education Agency's alternative education accountability procedures under Texas Education Code, Chapter 39; and
- (c) student demographics, including the percentage of students enrolled in the school's special education program.

**69. Fentanyl Contamination Training.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, is \$2,611,722 in funds from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 in fiscal year 2026 to provide training developed by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio utilizing Education Service Center (ESC) staff to school district employees regarding the dangers of fentanyl contamination.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that:
  - (1) each ESC receive funding allocated under Subsection (a) of this rider to support salary, benefits, payroll costs, and travel expenses for at least one full-time equivalent position; and
  - (2) the centers serving the five regions with the highest student enrollment receive funding allocated under Subsection (a) of this rider to support salary, benefits, payroll costs, and travel expenses for two full-time equivalent positions.
- (c) Any unexpended balance of money allocated as described by Subsection (a) of this rider remaining as of August 31, 2026, is appropriated for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, for the same purpose.

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**70. Implementation of the High School Equivalency Subsidy Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, out of funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency above that may be used for that purpose, the agency use an amount sufficient to implement the high school equivalency subsidy program described by Texas Education Code, Section 48.302(b).

**71. Mental Health Services in Out of School Time.** It is the intent of the Legislature that included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to fund the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time to implement mental health programs in community-based out of school time (OST) and statewide intermediary infrastructure to support OST programs and professionals.

Funds are appropriated for the following purposes:

- (a) to promote mental health, identify youth in need, and provide early intervention to serve the whole child and family;
- (b) to partner with local and statewide mental health providers to offer mental health services in OST settings;
- (c) to aim to reduce the mental burden placed on under-resourced families as a result of the recent pandemic; and
- (d) to establish community partnerships to ensure equitable access to education and promotion of mental health awareness.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**72. Interactive Online Learning Grant Program.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$6,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to provide grants to school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to assist in implementing effective, interactive online learning models in middle school and high school for instruction in United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts that:

- (a) align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills standards for United States History, Texas History, and English Language Arts, as applicable;
- (b) include tools to monitor the progress of each individual student;
- (c) include quarterly benchmark assessments that are automatically scored;
- (d) include both audio narration and video components; and
- (e) are offered for use in both English and Spanish.

Notwithstanding Rider 19, Limitations on the Transfer and Use of Funds, and notwithstanding the transfer provisions of Article IX, Part 14, out of funds appropriated above by this rider, the agency may transfer an amount not to exceed \$300,000 during the 2026-27 biennium to be allocated among Strategies B.3.2, Agency Operations, and B.3.5, Information Systems - Technology, to provide administrative and technical support for the program.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for fiscal year 2026 for the same purpose.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**73. Food Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, the Texas Education Agency shall allocate \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each year of the biennium to create a Food

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Security, School Readiness, and Recovery Grant Program. It is the intent of the legislature that the program include: food security interventions, school readiness programs including initiatives designed to help children transition into kindergarten, afterschool initiatives for children in kindergarten through sixth grade, and academic recovery initiatives designed to address learning loss as a result of the pandemic and learning loss over the summer months.

Grantees must utilize pre- and post-assessments and evidence-based methodology to measure outcomes and report any expenditure and performance data requested by the Texas Education Agency necessary to assess the success of the program. Requested information may include measures of program impact; the number of districts, open-enrollment charter schools, campuses, teachers, and students served; measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth; and program expenditures delineated by activity.

Not later than August 31, 2027, the Texas Education Agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and the permanent standing committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate with jurisdiction over public education on the program's expenditure and performance data.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**74. Santa Fe Ten Memorial.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$2,700,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund to provide a grant to the Santa Fe Ten Memorial Foundation to assist in the creation of a memorial that remembers and honors those who died, and all individuals impacted on May 18, 2018, by the Santa Fe High School shooting.

**75. Preschool-Aged Children's Food Security Grant Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, is \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to provide a grant to Kids' Meals to provide free, healthy meals to hungry preschool-aged children and provide their families with resources to help end the cycle of poverty.

**76. Property Tax Relief.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is an estimated \$51.0 billion for the 2026-27 biennium to provide new tax relief and to maintain tax relief provided by the legislature following the enactment of House Bill 3, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session.
- (b) Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in Strategy A.1.1, is an estimated \$1,988.1 million for the 2026-27 biennium from Foundation School Fund No. 193 for compression of district property tax rates due to district property value growth, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Sections 48.2551 and 48.2552 (a) and (b).
- (c) Included in amounts appropriated above to TEA in Strategy A.1.1 and in addition to amounts in Subsection (b), is an estimated \$1,035.7 million for the 2026-27 biennium from Foundation School Fund No. 193 to reduce the state compression percentage by 3.37 percentage points, due to state savings resulting from the limitation on district Maximum Compressed Rates (MCRs) during the prior biennium, pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2552(c).
- (d) Included in amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to providing property tax relief by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$3,500,000,000 from the Property Tax Relief Fund for the 2026-27 biennium to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- (e) On September 1, 2025, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Property Tax Relief Fund \$9,400,000,000. On September 1, 2026, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund into the Property Tax Relief Fund \$9,400,000,000.
- (f) In calculating district MCRs pursuant to Texas Education Code, Section 48.2551(d), it is the intent of the legislature that TEA confer with the Legislative Budget Board and the

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Comptroller of Public Accounts prior to publication of final district MCRs. It is the intent of the legislature that any property tax relief directed by Subsection (d) be included in the calculation of district MCRs for fiscal year 2026.

- 77. Contingency for School Safety Allotment.** Included in amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to amending the school safety allotment under the Foundation School Program, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation. Rider 3, Foundation School Program Funding, shall be amended accordingly.
- 78. Contingency for Education Savings Account.** Included in amounts appropriated above and elsewhere in this Act and contingent on enactment of legislation relating to the establishment of an education savings account, by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$1,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to implement the provisions of the legislation. An amount to be determined by the Legislative Budget Board shall be transferred to the Comptroller of Public Accounts - Fiscal Programs to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- 79. Contingency for HB 2.** Included in amounts appropriated above and contingent on enactment of House Bill 2, or similar legislation relating to increasing funding for public education by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$3,800,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,800,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- 80. Texas Strategic Leadership Support.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.4, School Improvement and Support Programs, is \$11,500,000 each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to support Regional Education Service Center District Leadership Coaching Teams; Specialized Leadership Coaching Teams; technical assistance; performance management data tools and processes; and Texas Leadership Academies for Public Education.

Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.3.2, Agency Operations is \$3,500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund, which are the amounts necessary to support planning, data collection and analysis, and administration necessary for the Texas Strategic Leadership Support Initiative. These amounts should include necessary grant and data process improvements.

The intent of the Texas Strategic Leadership Support Initiative is to improve the College, Career, and Military Readiness of all students; increase academic achievement in math and reading; increase retention and effectiveness of teachers and principals; and improve other areas critical to student success.

Notwithstanding any restrictions on transfers contained in this Act, the Texas Education Agency may transfer funds appropriated by this rider from the agency's non-capital budget to the agency's capital budget as necessary to implement this rider with prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 15 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposed transfer 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 information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 15 business days.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, for the same purpose.

- 81. Teach for America.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, Improving Educator Quality and Leadership, the Commissioner shall expend \$6,750,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the General Revenue Fund to support the Teach for America program in Texas.

It is the intent of the Legislature that by the end of fiscal year 2027 at least 2,200 Teach for America public school employees and at least 350 Teach for America tutors be employed in Texas schools that serve a proportion of economically disadvantaged students above the state average.

Funding shall be allocated in such a manner as to prioritize employment of Teach for America educators and tutors in the field of mathematics to the extent practicable.



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The Commissioner shall require Teach for America to provide any expenditures and performance data deemed necessary to assess the success of Teach for America in meeting the requirements identified in this rider.

The Commissioner shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, produce and post to the agency's website by November 1, 2026, a report on the implementation of the teacher retention plan, success of the Teach for America program, and requested data.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

**82. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology.**

Any unobligated and unexpended balances of capital budget remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Texas Education Agency for the 2024-25 biennium for information technology projects 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 in section b. of Rider 2, Capital Budget, are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**83. Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 13.10, in addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from Earned Federal Funds as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of administration of agency programs.

**84. Transfer of Unexpended Balances Between Biennia.** The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall provide written notice to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of intent to carry forward unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 for the following programs at least 15 calendar days prior to the execution of such transfers. The notice shall include an explanation of why the balances were unexpended during fiscal year 2025 and shall describe TEA's plans to fully encumber and/or expend during the 2026-27 biennium both the transferred balances and funding appropriated for the 2026-27 biennium by this Act for the same programs.

- (a) Rider 11, Student Testing Program,
- (b) Rider 18, Appropriation Limited Revenue Collections
- (c) Rider 39, Texas Gateway and Online Resources
- (d) Rider 44, Mathematics Achievement Academies
- (e) Rider 45, Literacy Achievement Academies
- (f) Rider 47, FitnessGram Program
- (g) Rider 48, College and Career Readiness School Model
- (h) Rider 55, Blended Learning Grant Program
- (i) Rider 58, Parent-Directed Special Education Services Program
- (j) Rider 63, Interagency Cybersecurity Initiative for Public Schools
- (k) Rider 64, Civics Training Programs
- (l) Rider 71, Mental Health Services in Out of School Time
- (m) Rider 72, Interactive Online Learning Grant Program
- (n) Rider 80, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology
- (o) Rider 81, Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended balances carried forward into fiscal year 2026 authorized by the riders listed above not be included in the 2028-29 biennium baseline budget request.

**85. Child ID Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy B.2.2, Health and Safety, from the General Revenue Fund is \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to collaborate with local education agencies to supply families with Child ID kits for children. It is the intent of the Legislature that this would be a voluntary program to aid in the identification of lost or missing children. The agency shall prioritize providing families who have children in kindergarten through second grade with kits.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

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- 86. Contingency for HB 120.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and contingent on the enactment of House Bill 120, or similar legislation relating to career and technology education programs and other programs in public schools by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$224,866,487 in fiscal year 2026 and \$270,944,054 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- 87. Contingency for HB 123.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and contingent on the enactment of House Bill 123, or similar legislation relating to early literacy and numeracy programs and supports in public schools by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$263,546,305 in fiscal year 2026 and \$239,037,010 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.
- 88. Contingency for HB 2196.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, FSP - Equalized Operations, and contingent on the enactment of House Bill 2196, or similar legislation relating to virtual education in public schools by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, is \$30,470,511 in fiscal year 2026 and \$32,117,668 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement the provisions of the legislation.

**TEXAS PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND CORPORATION**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
Permanent School Fund No. 044	\$ 56,955,386	\$ 60,210,355
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 56,955,386</u>	<u>\$ 60,210,355</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 0.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	105.0	115.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Executive Officer	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> MANAGE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGENCY OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 56,955,386</u>	<u>\$ 60,210,355</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND CORPORATION</b>	<u>\$ 56,955,386</u>	<u>\$ 60,210,355</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 21,889,100	\$ 24,077,900
Other Personnel Costs	742,406	848,773
Professional Fees and Services	8,772,726	7,542,470
Consumable Supplies	25,200	36,000
Utilities	32,900	33,120
Travel	742,435	858,444
Rent - Building	2,427,308	3,006,912
Other Operating Expense	22,288,311	23,781,736
Capital Expenditures	<u>35,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 56,955,386</u>	<u>\$ 60,210,355</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,442,155	\$ 1,455,568
Group Insurance	782,943	796,646
Social Security	1,373,091	1,385,860

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Benefits Replacement	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,656</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>3,600,225</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>3,639,730</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: MANAGE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AGENCY OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
PSF Corp. Managers: Performance in Excess of Composite		
Benchmark As Basis Points of Net Assets	50	50
Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF) Corporation		
Operations Expense As Basis Points of Net Assets	9.63	9.78
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Market Value of the Financial Assets of the Permanent		
School Fund (PSF) in Billions	60.45	62.81

**2. Permanent School Fund Annual Report.** In its annual report on the Permanent School Fund, completed by February 28 of each year, the Permanent School Fund Corporation shall report on the actual and projected costs of administering the Permanent School Fund for the year covered by the report and the following three years.

**3. Incentive Compensation.** Under the authority in Texas Education Code, Section 43.055(c), the Chief Executive Officer may establish an incentive compensation plan for Permanent School Fund Corporation staff.

It is the intent of the Legislature that payments made pursuant to the plan are not eligible compensation for Employees Retirement System (ERS) pension plan purposes; any payments made pursuant to the plan are to be considered fringe benefits and not base pay or otherwise eligible compensation for ERS pension plan purposes.

The Corporation shall provide a report on incentive compensation to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 45 calendar days prior to the execution of any performance incentive payment based on the Permanent School Fund's investment performance. The report shall include all individual incentive compensation payments, targets achieved, base pay for award calculations, total plan payout, and maximum potential awards.

**4. Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances appropriated from the Permanent School Fund remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended funds appropriated from the Permanent School Fund as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

**5. Exception to Appropriation for Board Fiduciary Finding.**

- (a) In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation (TPSFC) is authorized to expend additional funding out of the Permanent School Fund if the TPSFC Board issues a fiduciary finding stating the amount of additional funding necessary to perform the fiduciary duties of the Board. TPSFC may not use funds appropriated by this rider to increase the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions above the level allowed under Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board approve a statement of justifications and objectives for adopting the additional funding. No later than 30 business days following the issuance of a fiduciary finding, the TPSFC shall submit a written notification to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor. This notification shall include:
  - (1) The amount of additional funding from the Permanent School Fund to be authorized by this rider for each affected year of the biennium, as identified in the fiduciary finding;

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- (2) A statement of justifications and objectives for the additional funding;
  - (3) The current operating budget, as approved by the Board, for each fiscal year of the biennium that is amended by the fiduciary finding;
  - (4) Performance metrics proposed by the TPSFC to evaluate the impact of additional funding on the Board's objectives in issuing the fiduciary finding; and
  - (5) Any additional information requested by the LBB or the Governor regarding the fiduciary finding.
- (c) The total amount of funding authorized by this rider shall not exceed the performance measure target established in this Act under Strategy A.1.1 Texas Permanent School Fund (PSF) Corporation Operations Expense As Basis Points of Net Assets, except as specified in subsection (d).
- (d) In the event that the TPSFC determines in a fiduciary finding that additional appropriations are needed that exceed the limit in subsection (c), the Board shall submit a request, including the information required in subsection (b), to the LBB and Governor. The request shall be considered approved 30 business days after the request is delivered, unless otherwise disapproved.
- (e) No later than October 31 following a fiscal year for which the Board has adopted a fiduciary finding, the TPSFC shall provide a report to the LBB and the Governor on:
- (1) The actual total expenditures during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a); and
  - (2) A report on the agency's actual performance on metrics described in subsection (b)(4) for the preceding year.

**6. Limitation on Funds Appropriated to the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation.**

- (a) Notwithstanding Rider 6, Exception to Appropriation for Board Fiduciary Finding, none of the funds appropriated by this Act, including funds appropriated from the Permanent School Fund Account No. 44, may be used for the purpose of leasing or renting office space from an entity unless the entity is appropriated funds under this Act.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above and funds from the Permanent School Fund Account No. 44 may not be used for the purposes of renting or leasing office space from an entity not receiving an appropriation under this Act.

**7. Permanent School Fund Distribution Rate.** At least 45 calendar days prior to the adoption of the distribution rate from the Permanent School Fund to the Available School Fund by the State Board of Education, the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on the following:

- (a) The distribution rate or rates under consideration;
- (b) The assumptions and methodology used in determining the rate or rates under consideration;
- (c) The annual amount the distribution rate or rates under consideration are estimated to provide, and the difference between them and the annual distribution amounts for the preceding three biennia; and
- (d) The optimal distribution amount for the preceding biennium, based on an analysis of intergenerational equity, and the difference between it and the actual distribution amount.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 31,412,973	\$ 29,596,973
Federal Funds	\$ 2,286,000	\$ 2,286,000
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 2,077,000	\$ 2,077,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>3,931,000</u>	<u>3,931,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 6,008,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,008,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 39,706,973</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,890,973</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 96.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	379.2	379.2
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Superintendent - Group 5	\$177,824	\$177,824
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> ACADEMIC AND LIFE TRAINING Provide Necessary Skills/Knowledge to Students with Visual Impairments.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION Provide Well-balanced Curriculum Including Disability-specific Skills.	\$ 8,582,756	\$ 8,582,756
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM Provide Instruction in Independent Living and Social Skills.	4,756,426	4,756,426
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS Provide Summer School and Short-term Programs to Meet Students' Needs.	2,161,083	2,161,083
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> RELATED AND SUPPORT SERVICES Provide Regular and Short-term Related and Support Services.	<u>11,252,364</u>	<u>11,102,364</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> ACADEMIC AND LIFE TRAINING	\$ 26,752,629	\$ 26,602,629
<b>B. Goal:</b> STATEWIDE RESOURCE CENTER Ensure Skills Necessary to Improve Students' Education and Services.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Provide Technical Asst for Families/Programs Serving Visually Impaired.	\$ 3,457,692	\$ 3,457,692
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PROF ED IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT Professional Education in Visual Impairment.	<u>1,730,705</u>	<u>1,730,705</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> STATEWIDE RESOURCE CENTER	\$ 5,188,397	\$ 5,188,397
<b>C. Goal:</b> EDUCATIONAL PROF SALARY INCREASES Estimated Educational Professional Salary Increases.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> EDUC PROF SALARY INCREASES Educational Professional Salary Increases. Estimated.	\$ 1,944,031	\$ 1,944,031
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,900,343	\$ 2,900,343
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>2,921,573</u>	<u>1,255,573</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 5,821,916</u>	<u>\$ 4,155,916</u>
<b>Grand Total, SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED</b>	<u><u>\$ 39,706,973</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,890,973</u></u>

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### Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,889,189	\$ 31,889,189
Other Personnel Costs	439,000	439,000
Professional Fees and Services	141,000	141,000
Fuels and Lubricants	50,000	50,000
Consumable Supplies	102,750	102,750
Utilities	676,000	676,000
Travel	231,500	231,500
Rent - Building	6,500	6,500
Rent - Machine and Other	150,000	150,000
Other Operating Expense	3,189,034	2,339,034
Client Services	5,000	5,000
Food for Persons - Wards of State	149,000	149,000
Grants	1,404,000	1,404,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,274,000</u>	<u>308,000</u>

### Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

## Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 2,381,815	\$ 2,403,580
Group Insurance	4,693,219	4,810,894
Social Security	2,100,633	2,119,858
Benefits Replacement	<u>7,269</u>	<u>5,910</u>

Subtotal, Employee Benefits

## Debt Service

TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 3,328,363	\$ 3,140,435
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**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	12,511,299	\$	12,480,677
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- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: ACADEMIC AND LIFE TRAINING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Students Enrolled in Comprehensive Programs		
Achieving Moderate to Substantial Progress on Every Area of the Core and Expanded Core Curriculum in Which They Are Receiving Programming	80%	80%
Percent of Statewide Assessment Tests Passed	60%	60%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Enrolled in Day Programming during Regular School Year	140	140
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Instructional Program Per Student Per Day	354.78	354.78
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Enrolled in Residential Programming during Regular School Year	110	110
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Residential Program Per Student Per Night	143.66	143.66
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Enrolled in School Year Short-term Programs	250	250
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: RELATED AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Residential Students Transported Home	88	88

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**B. Goal:** STATEWIDE RESOURCE CENTER

**B.1.1. Strategy:** TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Conferences and Workshops Sponsored or Co-sponsored by TSBVI, or at Which TSBVI Personnel Are Speakers	220	220
Number of Participants in Conferences and Workshops Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by TSBVI, or at Which TSBVI Personnel Are Speakers	6,200	6,200

**B.1.2. Strategy:** PROF ED IN VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

**Output (Volume):**

Number of New Students Enrolled in University Coursework for Professional Education in Visual Impairment	80	80
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Administrative & Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
(2) Instructional Materials and Technology	280,000	280,000
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 308,000	\$ 308,000
b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Furniture Replacement & Project Completion	\$ 1,066,000	\$ 0
(2) Campus Security Upgrades	600,000	0
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ 1,666,000	\$ 0
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 1,974,000	\$ 308,000
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,974,000	\$ 308,000
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,974,000	\$ 308,000

**3. Teacher Preparation Consortium.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Professional Education in Visual Impairment, \$900,000 in each year of the biennium is Federal CFDA 84.027, Special Education Grants, and \$719,553 in each year of the biennium is from the General Revenue Fund. These funds shall be used to support professional preparation for teachers of students with visual impairments. The funds shall be expended under the provisions of a memorandum of understanding executed by Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Texas Tech University, and Stephen F. Austin University.

**4. Educational Professional Salary Increases.** The funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Educational Professional Salary Increases, include \$1,591,531 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,591,531 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund provided to maintain salary increases granted during the 2024-25 biennium to educational professionals in positions comparable to those in the Austin Independent School District, pursuant to Education Code, Section 30.024(b)(1); and estimated amounts contingent upon increases granted to comparable educational professionals in the Austin Independent School District during the 2026-27 biennium (estimated to be \$0). In addition to amounts provided for salary increases related to increases for comparable professionals in the Austin Independent School District, funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Educational Professional Salary Increases, also include \$352,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$352,500 in fiscal year 2027 to provide an additional annual stipend of \$2,500 for each contracted educational professional employed by the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

No later than October 15 of each year of the biennium, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired shall submit, in a form acceptable to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, a computation of the salary increases. Computations of salary increases in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 shall be based on fiscal year 2025 actual amounts. The school shall include in each year of the 2028-29 biennium baseline budget request a preliminary estimate of the amount to be

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expended to maintain salary increases provided in fiscal year 2027. The school shall provide an updated submission of the estimated amount with their computation of fiscal year 2027 salary increases no later than October 15, 2026. The difference between the preliminary estimate and the updated submission shall represent an adjustment to the baseline budget request for the 2028-29 biennium.

**5. Federal Funds for Statewide Services.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Short-term Programs, for each year of the 2026-27 biennium \$90,000 is Federal CFDA 84.027 Special Education Grants. These funds shall be used to support short-term programs for students who are otherwise enrolled in local school districts.

Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Technical Assistance, for each year of the 2026-27 biennium \$720,000 is Federal CFDA 84.027 Special Education Grants. These funds shall be used to provide statewide assistive technology training to programs in local school districts.

**6. Standby Pay.** It is expressly provided that the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call time at the following rates: credit for one hour worked for each day on-call during the normal work week, and two hours worked for each day on-call during weekends and on holidays. This credit shall be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours and actual hours worked during on-call status. For employees' subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), an hour of on-call service shall be considered to be an hour worked during the week for purposes of the FLSA only to the extent required by federal law.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 63,273,063	\$ 28,123,224
Federal Funds	\$ 1,018,003	\$ 1,018,003
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 12,412,947	\$ 12,402,440
Interagency Contracts	<u>957,679</u>	<u>957,679</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 13,370,626</u>	<u>\$ 13,360,119</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 77,661,692</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 42,501,346</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 98.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	447.1	447.1
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Superintendent - Group 5	\$185,000	\$185,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> ACADEMIC, LIFE, AND WORK TRAINING		
Provide Training for Students to Become Productive Citizens.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION	\$ 11,680,021	\$ 11,669,513
Provide Rigorous Educational Services in the Classroom.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM	5,923,610	5,923,610
Provide After-school Residential Programming.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> RELATED AND SUPPORT SERVICES	7,707,643	7,707,643
Provide Counseling and Other Support Services.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> CAREER AND TRANSITION PROGRAMS	3,719,992	3,719,992
Provide Career & Technical Education and Transition Services.		



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<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> STUDENT TRANSPORTATION Provide Daily & Weekend Home Student Transportation.	<u>3,744,622</u>	<u>3,894,784</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> ACADEMIC, LIFE, AND WORK TRAINING	\$ 32,775,888	\$ 32,915,542
<b>B. Goal:</b> OUTREACH AND RESOURCE SERVICES Promote Outreach and Resource Services.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> SPECIALIZED ASSISTANCE Provide Statewide Outreach through Specialized Assistance.	\$ 1,417,668	\$ 1,417,668
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE OUTREACH PROGRAMS Provide Statewide Outreach Programs.	<u>1,048,600</u>	<u>1,048,600</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> OUTREACH AND RESOURCE SERVICES	\$ 2,466,268	\$ 2,466,268
<b>C. Goal:</b> EDUCATIONAL PROF SALARY INCREASES Estimated Educational Professional Salary Increases.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> EDUC PROF SALARY INCREASES Educational Professional Salary Increases. Estimated.	\$ 1,519,959	\$ 1,519,959
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,917,672	\$ 2,917,672
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	2,681,905	2,681,905
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> FACILITY CONSTRUCT., REPAIR & REHAB Facility Construction, Repair and Rehabilitation.	<u>35,300,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 40,899,577</u>	<u>\$ 5,599,577</u>
<b>Grand Total, SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF</b>	<u><u>\$ 77,661,692</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 42,501,346</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 33,613,947	\$ 33,613,947
Other Personnel Costs	390,830	390,830
Professional Fees and Services	105,500	105,500
Fuels and Lubricants	110,000	110,000
Consumable Supplies	224,800	224,800
Utilities	1,141,200	1,141,200
Travel	228,087	228,087
Rent - Building	31,000	31,000
Rent - Machine and Other	111,000	111,000
Other Operating Expense	4,018,211	4,007,703
Client Services	1,796,467	1,946,629
Food for Persons - Wards of State	590,650	590,650
Capital Expenditures	<u>35,300,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 77,661,692</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 42,501,346</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,928,175	\$ 2,954,750
Group Insurance	5,843,229	5,983,558
Social Security	2,398,698	2,420,476
Benefits Replacement	<u>9,455</u>	<u>7,687</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 11,179,557	\$ 11,366,471
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 87,535</u>	<u>\$ 62,803</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,267,092</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,429,274</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the School for the Deaf. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended

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mission of the School for the Deaf. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the School for the Deaf shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: ACADEMIC, LIFE, AND WORK TRAINING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Academic Courses in Which Students Obtain a Passing Grade	98%	98%
Percent of Graduates Accepted in Postsecondary Education	60%	60%
Percent of All Statewide Assessments on Which the State Passing Standard is Met or Exceeded	35%	35%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Enrolled at Texas School for the Deaf	560	570
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Instructional Program Per Student Per Day	106.26	103.87
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Residential Students	240	250
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Residential Program Per Student Per Night	111.34	106.88
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: RELATED AND SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Comprehensive Assessments Conducted for Current Students	230	230
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: CAREER AND TRANSITION PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Graduates Accepted into College or Other Post-Secondary Training Programs	34	35
Number of Students Participating in Career and Transition Work-training Programs	120	125
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: STUDENT TRANSPORTATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Local Students Participating in Daily Transportation	230	240
Number of Residential Students Transported Home Weekly	240	250
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Total Cost of Transportation per School Day	8,564.55	8,564.55

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	2026	2027
a. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Repurposed Facilities in Conjunction With TFC	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 0
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 0
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 0
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 35,300,000	\$ 0

3. **Educational Professional Salary Increases.** The funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, Educational Professional Salary Increases, include \$1,519,959 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,519,959 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund provided to maintain salary increases granted during the 2024-25 biennium to educational professionals in comparable positions to those in the Austin Independent School District, pursuant to Education Code, Section 30.055(b)(1); and estimated amounts contingent upon increases granted to comparable educational professionals in the Austin Independent School District during the 2026-27 biennium (estimated to be \$0).

No later than October 15 of each year of the biennium, the Texas School for the Deaf shall submit, in a form acceptable to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor, a computation of the salary increases. Computations of salary increases in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 shall be based on fiscal year 2025 actual amounts. The school shall include in each year of the 2028-29 biennium baseline budget request a preliminary estimate of the amount to be expended to maintain salary

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increases provided in fiscal year 2027. The school shall provide an updated submission of the estimated amount with their computation of fiscal year 2027 salary increases no later than October 15, 2026. The difference between the preliminary estimate and the updated submission shall represent an adjustment to the baseline budget request for the 2028-29 biennium.

### SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

- 1. Services to Employees.** The governing boards may expend money for the provision of first aid or other minor medical attention for employees injured in the course and scope of their employment and for the repair and/or replacement of employees' items of personal property which are damaged or destroyed in the course and scope of their employment, so long as such items are medically prescribed equipment (e.g., eyeglasses, hearing aids, etc.).
- 2. Supplemental Pay.** The Superintendent is authorized to determine supplemental pay for certain positions provided that the provision of such compensation (e.g., stipends, shift differential pay) is necessary to effectively carry out the job responsibilities of the position.
- 3. Appropriation of Funds.** With respect to the following funds held outside the State Treasury, any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal years ending August 31, 2025 and 2026, plus all receipts deposited to each fund's credit and income received on the fund during the biennium, are appropriated for the continued purpose for which the fund was established subject to the approval of the respective governing board: the Expendable Trust Fund; the Student Trust Fund; the Student Activity Fund; and the Student Aid Fund.

With respect to the following funds held within the State Treasury, any balances remaining at the end of the fiscal years ending August 31, 2025 and 2026, plus all receipts deposited to each fund's credit and income received on the fund during the biennium, are appropriated for the continued purpose for which the fund was established: Available School Fund; State Technology and Materials Fund; Foundation School Fund; Federal Health, Education, and Welfare Fund; Workforce Commission Federal Fund; and other funds brought into the State Treasury under Texas Government Code, Chapter 404.

Funds received from sale of food and recyclables and from the use of facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf by organizations and other entities, including Learning Ally, Inc., and any daycare center provider using the facilities, are appropriated for the use of the respective school subject to the approval of the governing board.

- 4. Certification and Appropriation of Medicaid Reimbursement.** The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall certify and/or transfer appropriated state funds to the Health and Human Services Commission or its designee for the state share of any Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to eligible students. The federal share of such reimbursement is appropriated to each respective school.
- 5. Payments by School Districts.** All revenues collected from local school districts in excess of the funds appropriated above are hereby appropriated to the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf, respectively.
- 6. Consideration for Grants from the Texas Education Agency.** For all grants of state or federal funds by the Texas Education Agency, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf shall be considered independent school districts for purposes of eligibility determination, unless the Commissioner of Education and the school Superintendents mutually agree to an alternate consideration.
- 7. Substitute Teachers not Included in FTE Limit.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Sec. 6.10. Limitations on State Employment Levels, for Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Texas School for the Deaf, it is the intent of the Legislature that the calculation of the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) employed shall not include substitute teachers.
- 8. Quarterly Reporting of Other Funds Revenue.** The School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) and the School for the Deaf (TSD) shall on a quarterly basis submit to the Legislative

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Budget Board (LBB) information regarding revenues and expenditures of all Other Funds, including school district payments received pursuant to Education Code, Section 30.003. TSD and TSBVI shall report the funds received and expended by Strategy for the fiscal year to date as of the most recent fiscal quarter. TSD and TSBVI shall also provide for comparison the amounts each agency had previously projected to have been received and expended through the most recent fiscal quarter in the internal operating budget approved by each agency’s board of trustees. Reports shall be submitted in a form requested by the LBB no later than January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year of the 2026-27 biennium for the fiscal quarters ending November 30, February 28 or 29, May 30, and August 31, respectively.

**9. Prepayment of SWCAP Facilities Payments.** Pursuant to Senate Bill 1457, Eighty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, and Senate Bill 836, Eighty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, transferring all duties, appropriations, and full-time-equivalent positions related to the management of physical facilities from the School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) and the School for the Deaf (TSD) to the Facilities Commission (TFC), any costs for TFC planning or real estate management assessed to TSBVI and TSD through the Statewide Cost Allocation Plan (SWCAP) under Government Code Chapter 2106, and Article IX, Section 15.04, are considered paid in full for purposes of reimbursing the General Revenue Fund for statewide allocated costs.

**10. Cash Flow Contingency.** Out of the funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act, estimated Other Funds revenue total \$6,008,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,008,000 in fiscal year 2027 for TSBVI; and \$13,370,626 in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,360,119 in fiscal year 2027 for TSD. Contingent on approval by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor, notwithstanding other transfer limitations of this Act and more specifically notwithstanding Texas Education Agency Rider 19, Limitation on the Transfer and Use of Funds, in the event that Other Fund revenues amounts are anticipated to be less than the amounts estimated by this rider, for each fiscal year the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall transfer to each school from the Foundation School Program funds appropriated to TEA, an amount equal to the difference between the estimated Other Funds revenue amount listed in this rider and the Other Funds revenue amount. The transfer approved by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor for each school may not exceed \$1,000,000 in each fiscal year. For the purposes of this rider, Other Funds revenue amount includes projected actual revenues to be collected during each year of the 2026-27 biennium and any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31 of the previous fiscal year. A proposal for a transfer made by TSBVI or TSD under this rider may be made no earlier than March 1 and no later than July 15 of the year in which the contingent appropriation is to be approved.

To propose that a transfer be made as provided by this rider, the superintendent or the superintendent’s representative of each school shall provide a written request for a transfer to the Legislative Budget Board and to the Governor that includes a computation of the difference between the Other Funds revenue available and the amounts listed in this rider, and an explanation of why revenues are lower than anticipated. The proposed transfer shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 calendar days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its review of the proposal to transfer the funds 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 shall interrupt the counting of the 30 calendar days.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,142,446,093	\$ 3,799,036,860
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 40,680,322	\$ 41,761,299

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Teacher Retirement System Trust Account Fund No. 960	\$ 291,612,800	\$ 256,873,800
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 4,474,739,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,671,959</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 2.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	1,139.3	1,139.3
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Executive Director	\$558,500	\$558,500
Chief Investment Officer	800,000	800,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

To Administer the System as an Employee Benefit Trust.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> TRS - PUBLIC EDUCATION RETIREMENT	\$ 2,746,403,191	\$ 2,796,022,682
Retirement Contributions for Public Education Employees. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TRS - HIGHER EDUCATION RETIREMENT	410,735,594	440,976,927
Retirement Contributions for Higher Education Employees. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS	291,612,800	256,873,800
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> RETIREE HEALTH - STATUTORY FUNDS	575,987,630	603,798,550
Healthcare for Public Ed Retirees Funded by Statute. Estimated.		
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> ACTIVE EMPLOYEE HEALTHCARE	<u>450,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Healthcare for Public Ed Active Employees.		

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 4,474,739,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,671,959</u>
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<b>Grand Total,</b> TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 4,474,739,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,671,959</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 167,675,400	\$ 176,048,400
Other Personnel Costs	4,184,656,515	3,842,391,659
Professional Fees and Services	55,735,300	33,835,100
Fuels and Lubricants	4,000	4,000
Consumable Supplies	731,900	731,900
Utilities	2,991,200	2,991,200
Travel	2,994,100	2,994,100
Rent - Building	462,800	462,800
Rent - Machine and Other	950,500	950,500
Other Operating Expense	42,118,200	37,208,300
Capital Expenditures	<u>16,419,300</u>	<u>54,000</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 4,474,739,215</u>	<u>\$ 4,097,671,959</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Group Insurance	\$ 10,892,871	\$ 11,102,814
Social Security	9,927,779	10,020,108
Benefits Replacement	<u>11,899</u>	<u>9,674</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

<u>\$ 20,832,549</u>	<u>\$ 21,132,596</u>
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- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Teacher Retirement System. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Teacher Retirement System. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Teacher Retirement System shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
TRS Retirement Fund Annual Operating Expense Per Member in Dollars (Excluding Investment Expenses)	74.41	74.68
TRS Retirement Fund Investment Expense as Basis Points of Net Assets	48.56	45.38
Service Level Percentage of Calls Answered in Specified Time Interval	90%	90%
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of TRS Benefit Applications Processed	100,000	100,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above for Strategy A.1.3, Administrative Operations, may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Building Renovations	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 0
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) IT Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 0
(2) Investment Data Modernization	<u>32,100,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 39,400,000	\$ 0
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	<u>\$ 2,180,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 44,580,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
Teacher Retirement System Trust Account Fund No. 960	<u>\$ 44,580,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 44,580,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

**3. Updated Actuarial Valuation.** The Teacher Retirement System shall contract with an actuary to perform a limited actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Teacher Retirement System as of February 28 in those years when the Legislature meets in regular session. The purpose of the valuation shall be to determine the effect of investment, salary, and payroll experience on the unfunded liability, the amortization period, and the state contribution rate which results in a 30-year amortization period of the retirement system.

**4. State Contribution to Teacher Retirement Program.** The amounts specified above in Strategy A.1.1, TRS-Public Education Retirement, \$2,746,403,191 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,796,022,682 in fiscal year 2027, and A.1.2, TRS-Higher Education Retirement, \$410,735,594 in fiscal year 2026 and \$440,976,927 in fiscal year 2027 are based on a state contribution of 8.25 percent of payroll in year 2026 and 8.25 percent in year 2027 of the biennium, estimated.

**5. State Contribution to Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program.** The amounts specified above in Strategy A.2.1, Retiree Health-Statutory Funds, \$575,987,630 in fiscal year 2026 and \$603,798,550 in fiscal year 2027 are based on a state contribution of 1.25 percent of payroll for each fiscal year, estimated.

The retirement system shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and its membership prior to establishing premiums, regarding the impact such premiums will have on retiree costs for TRS-Care insurance.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Teacher Retirement System control the cost of the retiree insurance program by not providing rate increases to health care providers and pharmacy providers without providing 60 calendar days notice to the Legislative Budget Board.

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- 6. Excess Benefit Arrangement Account.** There is hereby appropriated to the Teacher Retirement System all funds transferred or deposited into the Excess Benefit Arrangement Account established in the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying benefits as authorized by Government Code, Section 825.517.
- 7. Transfer of Other Educational and General Income.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to transfer the necessary appropriations made above in Strategy A.1.2, TRS-Higher Education Retirement from Other Educational and General Income to institutions of higher education to meet their obligations and comply with the proportionality policy as expressed in the Article IX provision entitled Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance.
- 8. Exempt Positions.** Notwithstanding the limitations contained in the Article IX provision entitled Scheduled Exempt Positions, the TRS Board of Trustees may determine the salaries of the positions listed above in the Schedule of Exempt Positions without limitation.
- 9. Annual School District Contribution Rate to TRS-Care.** The annual contribution rate for school districts for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 shall be 0.75 percent of total payroll.
- 10. Full-Time Equivalent Positions Intern Exemption.** The number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions associated with the Teacher Retirement System's (TRS) Internship Program held by undergraduate students, trade school students, community college students, law school students, graduate school students, or post-graduate fellowship recipients in the Intern Program of the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) shall be exempt from Article IX, Section 6.10. Limitation on State Employment Levels. This provision will not change the cap on the Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) for TRS listed elsewhere in this Act. TRS shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the State Auditor's Office a report of the number of FTEs associated with the Intern Program each fiscal year.
- 11. Limitation on Retirement Contributions to Public Community/Junior Colleges.** General Revenue related funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, TRS - Higher Education Retirement, for retirement contributions for Public Community/Junior Colleges are limited to 50 percent of the state contribution of 8.25 percent in fiscal year 2026 and 8.25 percent in fiscal year 2027 of the total covered payroll for Public Community and Junior Colleges, in accordance with Government Code, Section 825.4071.
- 12. Performance Incentive Compensation Payments.** The Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees may make performance incentive compensation payments to the staff of the Investment Management Division based on investment performance standards adopted by the Board prior to the beginning of the period for which any additional compensation is paid. Such amounts as may be necessary to make performance incentive payment under the plan approved by the Board are hereby appropriated from the Teacher Retirement System Pension Trust Fund Account Fund No. 960.

The Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 45 calendar days prior to the execution of any performance incentive payment based on the Retirement Trust Fund's investment performance. Funds shall be appropriated pursuant to this rider for performance incentive payments only in a fiscal year following a year in which the Retirement Trust Fund experiences a positive return.
- 13. Settle-Up Dollars Directed to TRS-Care.** Any settle-up payments made in the fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas pension fund or from the TRS-Care program are appropriated to the TRS-Care program. Settle-up funds are all estimated appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 in excess of the state's actual statutory obligations for retirement and retiree insurance contributions, and those funds are re-appropriated to the TRS-Care program, for deposit to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Trust Fund. For the purposes of this section, settle-up payments from the pension fund include any net payments made in excess of the state's total obligation to both Public Education Retirement and Higher Education Retirement.
- 14. Appropriation Transfers between Fiscal Years for TRS-Care.** In addition to the transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act and in order to provide for benefits through the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Benefits Program (TRS-Care), the Teacher Retirement System is authorized to transfer appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.2.1,

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Retiree Health - Statutory Funds, in fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026 and such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2026. Such transfers may only be made subject to the following:

- a. Transfers under this section may be requested only upon a finding by the TRS Board of Trustees that the fiscal year 2026 costs associated with providing retiree health benefits will exceed the funds appropriated for these services for fiscal year 2026.
- b. A transfer is not authorized by this section unless it receives the prior written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- c. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall cooperate as necessary to assist the completion of a transfer and spending made under this section.

**15. Contingent Appropriation of Pension Trust Funds for GASB Statement Implementation.**

Upon a finding of fact by the Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees that additional resources are necessary to implement accounting guidelines related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board statements and pronouncements, the Teacher Retirement System is appropriated such additional funds as approved by the Board from the Teacher Retirement System Pension Trust Fund Account No. 960 to communicate such guidelines to affected members and employers, and to acquire additional audit and actuarial services as needed for implementation.

Within thirty business days of such a finding, the Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees shall provide written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of the amounts anticipated to be necessary to achieve these purposes.

**16. TRS-Care Shortfall.** It is the intent of the Legislature that resolving the long-term solvency of TRS-Care be a shared fiscal responsibility between the state, school districts, employees, and retirees.

**17. Medicare Enrollment for Eligible Members of TRS-Care.** Out of funds appropriated above, TRS shall identify members of TRS-Care who are eligible for Social Security Disability or Medicare benefits, and provide information and assistance necessary for eligible members to enroll in the programs to help ensure the solvency of the TRS-Care fund.

**18. Right to Shop Incentive.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Teacher Retirement System incentivize members of TRS-Care and TRS-ActiveCare to shop for lower cost care within the health plans in order to achieve shared savings. Pursuant to the provisions of Insurance Code, Sections 1575.109 and 1579.052, and Article IX, Section 7.11, Notification of Certain Purchases or Contract Awards, Amendments, and Extensions, the agency may contract with a third-party vendor for this purpose.

**19. Exception to FTE Limitation for Board Fiduciary Finding.**

- (a) In addition to the funding and "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" appropriated above, the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) is authorized to employ additional FTEs and contract workers under a Fiduciary Finding of the TRS Board of Trustees (the Board) if the Board determines the additional staff are necessary to perform the fiduciary duties of the Board, pursuant to Government Code, Section 825.313.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Board approve a statement of justifications and objectives for adopting the additional FTEs, contract workers, and any additional funding related to those staff. No later than 30 business days following the adoption of a Fiduciary Finding pursuant to subsection (a), TRS shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor:
  - (1) A statement of the justifications and objectives for the additional funding and staff;
  - (2) The current operating budget, as approved by the Board, for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium that is amended by the Fiduciary Finding described in subsection (a);
  - (3) Performance metrics proposed by TRS to evaluate the impact of additional staff on the Board's objectives in approving the additional staff; and
  - (4) Any additional information requested by the LBB or the Governor regarding the Fiduciary Finding described in subsection (a).



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- (c) No later than October 31 following a fiscal year for which the TRS Board has adopted a Fiduciary Finding described in subsection (a), TRS shall provide a report to the LBB and the Governor on:
- (1) The actual number of additional FTEs and contract workers hired during the preceding fiscal year pursuant to subsection (a);
  - (2) The actual total expenditures for the preceding fiscal year related to additional FTEs and contract workers described in subsection (c) (1); and
  - (3) A report on the agency’s actual performance on metrics described in subsection (b)(3) for the preceding fiscal year.

- 20. Contingent Appropriation for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Additional Regional Office.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above and notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels, TRS is authorized to expend additional funds out of the TRS Pension Trust Fund and employ additional FTEs upon a finding of fact by the TRS Board of Trustees that additional resources are necessary to open an additional regional office. No later than 30 business days after such a finding, the TRS Board of Trustees shall notify the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor of the amount of funding and number of FTEs anticipated to be necessary for these purposes.
- 21. Outside Legal Counsel.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) shall confer with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) before approving any settlement sought by TRS with its outside legal counsel contracted in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026 for healthcare related claims and litigation. This provision does not apply to settlements sought by TRS for subrogation cases or other cases defended by the Office of the Attorney General. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 15 business days of the date upon receipt.

OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 135,996,197	\$ 137,599,982
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 24,469,296	\$ 24,413,798
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 160,465,493</u>	<u>\$ 162,013,780</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM Optional Retirement Program. Estimated.	\$ 160,465,493	\$ 162,013,780
<b>Grand Total, OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM</b>	<u>\$ 160,465,493</u>	<u>\$ 162,013,780</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Other Personnel Costs	\$ 160,465,493	\$ 162,013,780
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 160,465,493</u>	<u>\$ 162,013,780</u>

- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Optional Retirement Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Optional Retirement Program. In order to achieve the objectives and

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service standards established by this Act, the Optional Retirement Program shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of ORP Participants	34,714	34,449

- 2. State Contribution to Optional Retirement Program.** The amount specified above in A.1.1, Optional Retirement Program, is based on a state contribution rate of 6.6 percent of payroll for each fiscal year, estimated. Institutions of higher education and the Texas Education Agency, if applicable, are required to certify estimates of state contributions required for payment to the Comptroller, and the Comptroller shall allocate the state contributions to institutions and the Texas Education Agency pursuant to Government Code, Section 830.202.
- 3. Use of Local Funds for Supplementing the Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund to the Optional Retirement Program.** Institutions and agencies authorized under state law to provide the Optional Retirement Program to their employees are authorized to use local funds or other sources of funds to supplement the General Revenue Fund appropriation at a rate up to 1.9 percent of payroll.
- 4. Transfer of Other Educational and General Income.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby authorized to transfer the necessary appropriations made above from Other Educational and General Income to institutions of higher education to meet their obligations and comply with the proportionality policy as expressed in Article IX of this Act.
- 5. Limitation on Retirement Contributions for Public Community and Junior Colleges.** The General Revenue related funds appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, Optional Retirement Program, for retirement contributions to the Optional Retirement Program for Public Community/Junior Colleges are limited to 50 percent of the state contribution of 6.6 percent for each fiscal year of the biennium, in accordance with Government Code, Section 830.201.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 884,394,785	\$ 955,104,417
GR Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 3,485,513	\$ 3,764,354
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 887,880,298</u>	<u>\$ 958,868,771</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** STATE CONTRIBUTION, UT SYSTEM

Group Insurance, State Contribution, UT System.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> UT - ARLINGTON The University of Texas at Arlington.	\$ 17,087,089	\$ 18,454,058
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> UT - AUSTIN The University of Texas at Austin.	30,797,330	33,261,116
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> UT - DALLAS The University of Texas at Dallas.	14,692,864	15,868,291
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> UT - EL PASO The University of Texas at El Paso.	17,524,374	18,926,323
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UT - RIO GRANDE VALLEY The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.	17,581,851	18,988,399
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> UT - PERMIAN BASIN The University of Texas Permian Basin.	2,953,858	3,190,167
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> UT - SAN ANTONIO The University of Texas at San Antonio.	16,083,505	17,370,185
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> UT - TYLER The University of Texas at Tyler.	5,224,986	5,642,985
<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> STEPHEN F. AUSTIN Stephen F. Austin State University.	6,208,056	6,704,446
<b>A.1.10. Strategy:</b> UT SW MEDICAL The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.	20,057,207	21,661,783
<b>A.1.11. Strategy:</b> UTMB - GALVESTON The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.	65,204,738	70,421,114
<b>A.1.12. Strategy:</b> UTHSC - HOUSTON The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.	29,466,726	31,824,061
<b>A.1.13. Strategy:</b> UTHSC - SAN ANTONIO The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.	30,907,863	33,380,491
<b>A.1.14. Strategy:</b> UT MD ANDERSON The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.	7,492,821	8,092,247
<b>A.1.15. Strategy:</b> UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER - TYLER The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.	3,990,229	4,309,449
<b>A.1.16. Strategy:</b> UT - AUSTIN DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School.	1,229,626	1,327,996
<b>A.1.17. Strategy:</b> UT- RGV SCHOOL OF MEDICINE The University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.	3,945,246	4,260,865
<b>A.1.18. Strategy:</b> UT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION The University of Texas System Administration.	<u>47,204</u>	<u>50,982</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> STATE CONTRIBUTION, UT SYSTEM	\$ 290,495,573	\$ 313,734,958
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**B. Goal:** STATE CONTRIBUTION, A&M SYSTEM

Group Insurance, State Contribution, A&M System.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	\$ 50,501,308	\$ 54,541,412
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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> A&M SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.	12,259,590	13,240,356
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> A&M - GALVESTON Texas A&M University at Galveston.	2,198,986	2,374,904
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> PRAIRIE VIEW A&M Prairie View A&M University.	7,935,395	8,570,226
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY	7,153,730	7,726,029
<b>B.1.6. Strategy:</b> A&M - CORPUS CHRISTI Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.	6,468,488	6,985,967
<b>B.1.7. Strategy:</b> TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- CENTRAL TEXAS Texas A&M University - Central Texas.	1,043,871	1,127,381
<b>B.1.8. Strategy:</b> TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO	2,256,708	2,437,243
<b>B.1.9. Strategy:</b> A&M - KINGSVILLE Texas A&M University - Kingsville.	5,841,982	6,309,340
<b>B.1.10. Strategy:</b> A&M - INTERNATIONAL Texas A&M International University.	3,880,322	4,190,748
<b>B.1.11. Strategy:</b> WEST TEXAS A&M West Texas A&M University.	6,344,768	6,852,350
<b>B.1.12. Strategy:</b> EAST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	7,981,731	8,620,269
<b>B.1.13. Strategy:</b> TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - TEXARKANA	2,669,879	2,883,469
<b>B.1.14. Strategy:</b> A&M - AGRILIFE RESEARCH Texas A&M AgriLife Research.	12,603,539	13,611,821
<b>B.1.15. Strategy:</b> A&M - AGRILIFE EXTENSION Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.	18,993,258	20,512,717
<b>B.1.16. Strategy:</b> A&M - ENG EXPERIMENT STATION Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.	3,205,796	3,462,261
<b>B.1.17. Strategy:</b> A&M - TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE Texas A&M Transportation Institute.	2,403,713	2,596,011
<b>B.1.18. Strategy:</b> A&M - ENG EXTENSION SERVICE Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.	793,137	856,588
<b>B.1.19. Strategy:</b> TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE	5,236,191	5,655,085
<b>B.1.20. Strategy:</b> A&M - VET MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LAB Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.	1,174,656	1,268,629
<b>B.1.21. Strategy:</b> A&M SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION Texas A&M University System Administration.	294	318
<b>B.1.22. Strategy:</b> A&M- TX DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MGMT Texas Division of Emergency Management.	<u>1,143,494</u>	<u>1,234,975</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> STATE CONTRIBUTION, A&M SYSTEM	\$ 162,090,836	\$ 175,058,099
<b>C. Goal:</b> STATE CONTRIBUTION, ERS Group Insurance, State Contribution, Employees Retirement System.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON	\$ 22,963,994	\$ 24,800,462
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> UH - CLEAR LAKE University of Houston - Clear Lake.	4,378,464	4,728,478
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> UH - DOWNTOWN University of Houston - Downtown.	4,175,865	4,509,779
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> UH - VICTORIA University of Houston - Victoria.	2,099,102	2,266,938
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> UH SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION The University of Houston System Administration.	343,651	371,142
<b>C.1.6. Strategy:</b> UH-COLLEGE OF MEDICINE The University Of Houston College Of Medicine.	954,820	1,031,206
<b>C.1.7. Strategy:</b> SAM HOUSTON ST. COLLEGE OF MEDICINE Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.	549,235	593,149
<b>C.1.8. Strategy:</b> LAMAR UNIVERSITY	10,953,982	11,830,302
<b>C.1.9. Strategy:</b> LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	2,227,874	2,406,007
<b>C.1.10. Strategy:</b> LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE	1,604,593	1,732,960
<b>C.1.11. Strategy:</b> LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - PORT ARTHUR	1,904,357	2,056,605
<b>C.1.12. Strategy:</b> ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY	7,073,689	7,639,405

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<b>C.1.13. Strategy:</b> MIDWESTERN STATE UNIV Midwestern State University.	4,650,473	5,022,413
<b>C.1.14. Strategy:</b> SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIV Sam Houston State University.	9,693,677	10,468,670
<b>C.1.15. Strategy:</b> TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY	21,412,010	23,123,963
<b>C.1.16. Strategy:</b> SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY	2,912,562	3,145,567
<b>C.1.17. Strategy:</b> SUL ROSS STATE-RIO GRANDE COLLEGE Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande College.	337,373	364,309
<b>C.1.18. Strategy:</b> TEXAS STATE SYSTEM ADMIN Texas State University System Administration.	271,937	293,693
<b>C.1.19. Strategy:</b> UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS	11,778,241	12,720,222
<b>C.1.20. Strategy:</b> UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS	2,321,882	2,507,240
<b>C.1.21. Strategy:</b> UNT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.	8,809,219	9,513,251
<b>C.1.22. Strategy:</b> TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	5,413,541	5,846,231
<b>C.1.23. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	30,636,772	33,086,472
<b>C.1.24. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TECH HEALTH SCI CTR Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.	24,672,265	26,644,780
<b>C.1.25. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TECH HSC EL PASO Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso.	6,766,942	7,307,549
<b>C.1.26. Strategy:</b> TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY	9,508,500	10,268,993
<b>C.1.27. Strategy:</b> TSTC - HARLINGEN Texas State Technical College - Harlingen.	3,632,434	3,922,696
<b>C.1.28. Strategy:</b> TSTC - WEST TEXAS Texas State Technical College - West Texas.	2,197,193	2,372,911
<b>C.1.29. Strategy:</b> TSTC - WACO Texas State Technical College - Waco.	4,703,848	5,079,048
<b>C.1.30. Strategy:</b> TSTC - MARSHALL Texas State Technical College - Marshall.	714,398	771,438
<b>C.1.31. Strategy:</b> TSTC - EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY	348,705	376,547
<b>C.1.32. Strategy:</b> TSTC - FT. BEND Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend.	734,999	793,469
<b>C.1.33. Strategy:</b> TSTC - NORTH TEXAS Texas State Technical College - North Texas.	444,132	479,609
<b>C.1.34. Strategy:</b> TSTC - SYSTEM ADMIN Texas State Technical College System Administration.	6,210,847	6,707,714
<b>C.1.35. Strategy:</b> UNIV OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM ADMIN University of North Texas System Administration.	1,049,061	1,132,871
<b>C.1.36. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMIN Texas Tech University System Administration.	955,461	1,031,897
<b>C.1.37. Strategy:</b> PUB COMMUNITY / JR COLLEGES Public Community / Junior Colleges.	<u>215,887,791</u>	<u>233,127,728</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> STATE CONTRIBUTION, ERS	<u>\$ 435,293,889</u>	<u>\$ 470,075,714</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>\$ 887,880,298</u>	<u>\$ 958,868,771</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Other Operating Expense	<u>\$ 887,880,298</u>	<u>\$ 958,868,771</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 887,880,298</u>	<u>\$ 958,868,771</u>

1. **State Contribution to Group Insurance for Higher Education Employees Participating in the Employees Retirement System Group Benefits Program.** Funds identified and appropriated above for group insurance are intended to fund:
  - a. the majority of the cost of the basic life and health coverage for all active and retired employees; and
  - b. fifty percent of the total cost of health coverage for the spouses and dependent children of all active and retired employees who enroll in coverage categories which include a spouse and/or dependent children.

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In no event shall the total amount of state contributions allocated to fund coverage in an optional health plan exceed the actuarially determined total amount of state contributions that would be required to fund basic health coverage for those active employees and retirees who have elected to participate in that optional health plan.

Funds appropriated for higher education employees' group insurance contributions may not be used for any other purpose.

It is further provided that institutions shall cooperate so that employees employed by more than one institution may be covered under one group policy and that said policy may be held jointly by two or more institutions and paid from funds appropriated to the institutions for payment of employee insurance premiums as set out above.

- 2. The University of Texas System Group Health Insurance Contributions.** Funds identified and appropriated above for group insurance are intended to fund a comparable portion of the costs of basic health coverage for all active and retired employees and their dependents as is provided above for higher education active and retired employees and dependents participating in the Employees Retirement System's Group Benefits Program.

In no event shall the total amount of state contributions allocated to fund coverage in an optional health plan exceed the actuarially determined total amount of state contributions that would be required to fund basic health coverage for those active employees and retirees who have elected to participate in that optional health plan.

Funds appropriated for higher education employees' group insurance contributions may not be used for any other purpose.

The University of Texas System shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor and the Comptroller by September 15 of each year, detailing all group health insurance plans offered to system employees and retirees, including the benefit schedule, premium amounts, and employee/retiree contributions.

Active and retired employees of The University of Texas System are authorized to use one-half of the "employee-only" state contribution amount for optional insurance. Optional insurance for the employees participating in the group insurance program shall be defined by The University of Texas System. Active and retired employees participating in these plans may only use one-half of the employee-only state contribution if they sign and submit a document to their employing institution indicating they have health insurance coverage from another source.

- 3. Texas A&M System Group Health Insurance Contributions.** Funds identified and appropriated above for group insurance are intended to fund a comparable portion of the costs of basic health coverage for all active and retired employees and their dependents as is provided above for higher education active and retired employees and dependents participating in the Employees Retirement System's Group Benefits Program.

In no event shall the total amount of state contributions allocated to fund coverage in an optional health plan exceed the actuarially determined total amount of state contributions that would be required to fund basic health coverage for those active employees and retirees who have elected to participate in that optional health plan.

Funds appropriated for higher education employees' group insurance contributions may not be used for any other purpose.

In addition to funds appropriated above, the Texas A&M System Agencies are authorized to use funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act to pay for higher education employees' group insurance contributions.

The Texas A&M System shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor and the Comptroller by September 15 of each year, detailing all group health insurance plans offered to system employees and retirees, including the benefit schedule, premium amounts, and employee/retiree contributions.

Active and retired employees of the Texas A&M System are authorized to use one-half of the "employee-only" state contribution amount for optional insurance. Optional insurance for the employees participating in the group insurance program shall be defined by the Texas A&M

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System. Active and retired employees participating in these plans may only use one-half of the employee-only state contribution if they sign and submit a document to their employing institution indicating they have health insurance coverage from another source.

### **4. Transfer Authority.** Out of the funds appropriated above:

- a. The Comptroller shall transfer monthly, one-twelfth of the amount appropriated from those institutions participating in the Employees Retirement System's Group Benefit Program to the Employees Life, Accident, and Health Insurance and Benefits Fund No. 973, for use by the Employees Retirement System for each higher education institution which participates in the group insurance program of the Employees Retirement System.
- b. The Comptroller shall transfer monthly, one-twelfth of the amount appropriated from state contributions for institutions belonging to The University of Texas System, to The University of Texas System Office for use by each institution's group insurance program.
- c. The Comptroller shall transfer monthly, one-twelfth of the amount appropriated from state contributions for institutions belonging to the Texas A&M System, to the Texas A&M System Office, for use by each institution's group insurance program.

### **5. Specification of Appropriations.** The amount of the appropriation made for Strategy C.1.37, Public Community/Junior Colleges, shall be allocated to each college in accordance with a report, specifying the exact amounts for each college, to be provided by the Legislative Budget Board to the Employees Retirement System.

### **6. Appropriations Transfers.**

- a. Funds appropriated above to institutions other than those belonging to The University of Texas System or the Texas A&M University System, may be transferred from one appropriation item to another at the discretion of the chief administrative officer of the Employees Retirement System for the purpose of applying appropriations in excess of actual General Revenue group insurance premium costs at any of the higher education institutions named above to appropriation shortfalls for General Revenue group insurance premiums at any of the higher education institutions named above. Reallocation dollars provided by the group of institutions submitting annual Accounting Policy Statement 011 (Benefits Proportional by Fund) reports to the Comptroller shall be first apportioned among the same group of institutions, and any remaining funds may be applied to appropriation shortfalls among other institutions of higher education. Funds appropriated above to components of The University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System may be transferred from one component to another component within the same system at the discretion of the chief administrative officer of each system for the same purposes stated above.
- b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.11, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, \$6,643 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,643 in fiscal year 2027 is for the purpose of paying General Revenue group insurance premiums for employees participating in the Employees Retirement System Group Benefit Program for managed health care and mental care associated with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Except for the transfer authority provided above in Subsection (a), these amounts are sum certain.
- c. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.11, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, \$42,085,417 in fiscal year 2026 and \$42,085,418 in fiscal year 2027 is for the purpose of paying General Revenue group insurance premiums for employees participating in The University of Texas System group insurance program for managed health care and mental care associated with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Except for the transfer authority provided above in Subsection (a), these amounts are sum certain.
- d. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.24, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, \$7,652,917 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,652,917 in fiscal year 2027 is for the purpose of paying General Revenue group insurance premiums for employees associated with managed health care contracts with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Except for the transfer authority provided above in Subsection (a), these amounts are sum certain.
- e. Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.12, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, \$6,152,523 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,152,523 in fiscal year

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2027 is for the purpose of paying General Revenue group insurance premiums for employees associated with the Harris County Psychiatric Center and the Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center. Except for the transfer authority provided above in Subsection (a), these amounts are sum certain.

- f. Included in the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.19, Texas A&M Forest Service, \$3,227,327 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,227,327 in fiscal year 2027 is for the purpose of paying group health insurance premiums for employees paid with direct appropriations to the Texas A&M Forest Service from the General Revenue Funds-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Account No. 036. Except for the transfer authority provided above in Subsection (a), these amounts are sum certain.

7. **Unexpended Balances, Higher Education Group Insurance Contributions.** Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, for individual institutions of higher education receiving General Revenue group insurance contributions in this appropriation are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027.

8. **Benefits Proportionality Audit Requirement.**

- a. For fiscal year 2026 and 2027, institutions of higher education shall also consider audits of benefits proportional when developing their annual internal audit plans.
- b. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Auditor's Office audit at least two institutions of higher education for compliance with benefits proportional provisions during the 2026-27 biennium.
- c. If an audit conducted under Subsections (a) and (b) identifies any instances in which an institution has not been compliant with the proportionality requirements provided in Article IX, Section 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance and received excess monies from the General Revenue Fund as a result of this noncompliance, the institution shall submit a reimbursement payment to the Comptroller of Public Accounts within two years from the conclusion from the audit. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office of all reimbursement payments submitted by an institution of higher education.

9. **HEGI State Premium Contribution Rate.** For the 2026-27 biennium, funds identified and appropriated through the Higher Education Employees Group Insurance bill pattern are based on the following percentage of the full Employee Retirement System (ERS) premium rates, based on the following institutional categories:

	<u>2026-27</u>
The University of Texas System	88.6%
Texas A&M University System	88.6%
ERS Participating Institutions	88.6%
Public Community/Junior Colleges	50.0%

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,884,945,503	\$ 1,496,251,310
GR Dedicated - Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Account No. 5144	\$ 17,767,492	\$ 17,767,492
Federal Funds	\$ 44,262,056	\$ 44,262,056
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education, estimated	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
Appropriated Receipts, estimated	350,960	350,960
Interagency Contracts, estimated	78,650,000	86,515,000



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License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	247,400	247,400
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	1,914,193	1,914,193
Permanent Endowment Fund for the Baylor College of Medicine, estimated	1,425,000	1,425,000
Permanent Fund for the Higher Education Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health Related Programs, estimated	1,883,810	1,883,810
Permanent Fund for Minority Health Research and Education, estimated	1,066,551	1,066,551
Other Funds, estimated	<u>17,891,635</u>	<u>17,891,635</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 114,429,549</u>	<u>\$ 122,294,549</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 2,061,404,600</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,680,575,407</b></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 73.8% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	340.9	340.9
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Commissioner of Higher Education, Group 9	\$325,000	\$325,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGENCY OPERATIONS	\$ 42,462,221	\$ 42,522,220
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS	8,238,970	8,238,970
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC INNOVATION AND SUCCESS	28,187,785	28,187,785
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> COMPUTER SCIENCE PIPELINE	<u>7,000,000</u>	<u>7,000,000</u>
Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.		

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT	\$ 85,888,976	\$ 85,948,975
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<b>B. Goal:</b> AFFORDABILITY AND DEBT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM	\$ 605,448,276	\$ 653,593,207
Towards Excellence, Access and Success Grant Program.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANTS	120,618,731	120,618,731
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> TEOG PUB COMMUNITY COLLEGES	153,880,919	161,657,753
Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public Community Colleges.		
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEOG PUB STATE/TECHNICAL COLLEGES	15,541,372	15,976,704
Texas Educational Opportunity Grants Public State & Technical Colleges.		
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE WORK STUDY PROGRAM	9,169,523	9,169,523
Texas College Work Study Program.		
<b>B.1.6. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE SCHOLARSHIPS	247,400	247,400
License Plate Scholarships Program.		
<b>B.1.7. Strategy:</b> EDUCATIONAL AIDE PROGRAM	481,616	481,616
<b>B.1.8. Strategy:</b> TX ARMED SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP PGM	10,370,315	10,370,315
Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.		
<b>B.1.9. Strategy:</b> SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	500,000	500,000
<b>B.1.10. Strategy:</b> FAST PROGRAM	78,650,000	86,515,000
Financial Aid Swift Transfer Program.		
<b>B.1.11. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TRANSFER GRANT PROGRAM	12,426,849	UB
<b>B.1.12. Strategy:</b> TEXAS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM	<u>19,138,120</u>	<u>19,138,100</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> AFFORDABILITY AND DEBT	\$ 1,026,473,121	\$ 1,078,268,349

<b>C. Goal:</b> INDUSTRY WORKFORCE		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CAREER/TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS	\$ 44,262,056	\$ 44,262,056
Career and Technical Education Programs.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM	1,099,482	1,099,482
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> EDUCATIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT	46,140,625	46,140,625
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> RURAL VETERINARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM	2,500,000	2,500,000

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<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> WORKFORCE EDUCATION/RESKILLING PGMS Workforce Education and Reskilling Programs.	16,832,000	12,500,000
<b>C.1.6. Strategy:</b> VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDY Veterinary Medicine Workforce Study.	<u>200,000</u>	<u>UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> INDUSTRY WORKFORCE	\$ 111,034,163	\$ 106,502,163
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDUSTRY WORKFORCE - HEALTH RELATED		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM	\$ 8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> PRECEPTORSHIP PROGRAM	2,425,000	2,425,000
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> GME EXPANSION Graduate Medical Education Expansion.	152,212,500	152,212,500
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> TRAUMA CARE PROGRAM Physician and Nurse Trauma Care.	2,957,203	2,957,203
<b>D.1.5. Strategy:</b> JOINT ADMISSION MEDICAL PROGRAM	11,696,794	UB
<b>D.1.6. Strategy:</b> PROF NURSING SHORTAGE REDUCTION PGM Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.	23,400,000	23,400,000
<b>D.1.7. Strategy:</b> CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM	140,700,177	140,700,175
<b>D.1.8. Strategy:</b> FORENSIC PSYCHIATRY FELLOWSHIP PGM Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>D.1.9. Strategy:</b> NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS	6,250,000	6,250,000
<b>D.1.10. Strategy:</b> RURAL RESIDENT PHYSICIAN PROGRAM Rural Resident Physician Grant Program.	1,500,000	1,500,000
<b>D.1.11. Strategy:</b> NURSING INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM	6,000,000	UB
<b>D.1.12. Strategy:</b> EDUCATION AND RETENTION STUDY	200,000	UB
<b>D.1.13. Strategy:</b> BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INNOVATION Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program.	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDUSTRY WORKFORCE - HEALTH RELATED	\$ 360,591,674	\$ 342,694,878
<b>E. Goal:</b> BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - UGME Baylor College of Medicine - Undergraduate Medical Education.	\$ 45,787,868	\$ 45,190,915
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - GME Baylor College of Medicine Graduate Medical Education (GME).	11,975,573	11,975,573
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> BAYLOR COLL MED PERM ENDOWMENT FUND Baylor College of Medicine Tobacco Earnings from Perm Endowment Fund.	1,425,000	1,425,000
<b>E.1.4. Strategy:</b> BAYLOR COLL MED PERM HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from Perm Health Fund for Baylor College of Medicine.	<u>1,914,193</u>	<u>1,914,193</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	\$ 61,102,634	\$ 60,505,681
<b>F. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS Tobacco Settlement Funds to Institutions.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> EARNINGS - MINORITY HEALTH Tobacco Earnings - Minority Health Res and Ed to THECB.	\$ 1,066,551	\$ 1,066,551
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> EARNINGS - NURSING/ALLIED HEALTH Tobacco Earnings - Nursing, Allied Health, Other to THECB.	<u>1,883,810</u>	<u>1,883,810</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	\$ 2,950,361	\$ 2,950,361

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G. Goal: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Trusted Funds for Research and Innovation.

G.1.1. Strategy: TEXAS RESEARCH INCENTIVE PROGRAM	\$ 409,658,671	\$ UB
G.1.2. Strategy: AUTISM PROGRAM	3,705,000	3,705,000
Total, Goal G: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION	\$ 413,363,671	\$ 3,705,000

Grand Total, HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD	\$ 2,061,404,600	\$ 1,680,575,407
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 38,099,647	\$ 38,099,646
Other Personnel Costs	949,473	949,473
Professional Fees and Services	16,075,151	16,075,150
Consumable Supplies	25,000	25,000
Travel	318,823	318,823
Other Operating Expense	14,583,132	14,243,133
Grants	1,991,353,374	1,610,864,182
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 2,061,404,600	\$ 1,680,575,407

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 3,150,473	\$ 3,178,804
Group Insurance	4,493,456	4,602,157
Social Security	2,669,492	2,693,538
Benefits Replacement	8,657	7,038
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 10,322,078	\$ 10,481,537
Debt Service		
Lease Payments	\$ 3,918,719	\$ 4,213,707

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 14,240,797	\$ 14,695,244
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPORT		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Texans Ages 25-34 with a Degree, Certificate, or Other Postsecondary Credential of Value	52.5%	53.6%
Percent of Texans Ages 35-64 with a Degree, Certificate, or Other Postsecondary Credential of Value	52.2%	53.3%
Number of Students Completing Postsecondary Credentials of Value Each Year	421,244	439,638
Amount of Private and Federal Research and Development Expenditures at Texas Public Institutions of Higher Education	4,474,000,000	4,669,000,000
Number of Research Doctorates Awarded Yearly by Texas Institutions of Higher Education	6,905	7,144
Percent of Public Bachelor's Degree Graduates Completing with No More than 3 Hours of Their Degree Plan	45%	45%
Percent of Public Two-year Institution Students Graduating with No More than 3 Hours of Their Award Plan	29%	29%
Percentage of Public Two-year Institution Students Graduating in Three Years	29%	29%
Percentage of University Students Graduating in Four Years	45%	45%
Percentage of University Students Graduating within Six Years	67%	67%
A.1.3. Strategy: ACADEMIC INNOVATION AND SUCCESS		
Output (Volume):		
Increase in Fall Student Headcount Enrollment	16,810	16,978

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One Year Persistence Rates for Public Universities	87	87
One Year Persistence Rates for Public Community, Technical and State Colleges	68	68
2-year to 4-year Transfer Rate	27	27
<b>B. Goal: AFFORDABILITY AND DEBT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Students Receiving Financial Aid Employed Through Texas College Work Study Program	0.57%	0.57%
Percentage of Graduates with No Undergraduate Student Debt or Manageable Levels of Debt in Relation to Their Potential Earnings	95%	95%
Percentage of Graduates with No Undergraduate Student Debt	47.6%	47.6%
Percentage of Eligible Students Receiving an Initial TEXAS Grant - Public Universities and Health Related Institutions	70%	70%
Percentage of Eligible Students Receiving an Initial TEOG- Community Colleges	70%	70%
Percentage of Eligible Students Receiving an Initial TEOG- State and Technical Colleges	70%	70%
Percentage of Eligible Students Receiving an TEG Private/Independent Institutions	70%	70%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: TEXAS GRANT PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Receiving Texas Grants	112,613	123,499
Percentage of Texas Grant Recipients Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	36%	36%
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Receiving Tuition Equalization Grants Awards	33,890	33,890
Percentage of Tuition Equalization Grant Recipients Who Earn Baccalaureate Degrees within Four Academic Years	42%	42%
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: TEOG PUB COMMUNITY COLLEGES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Percent of Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Recipients Who Entered Texas Public Community Colleges in the Fall Term Three Years Ago as First Time, Full-time Undergraduates Who Then Received Associate's Degrees or Certifications, or Who Transferred to a Four Year College or University after Thirty Semester Credit Hours, Since that Date	42%	42%
Number of Students Receiving a TEOG Award at Community Colleges	62,976	72,748
<b>B.1.4. Strategy: TEOG PUB STATE/TECHNICAL COLLEGES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Receiving a TEOG Award at State and Technical Colleges	3,147	3,603
<b>D. Goal: INDUSTRY WORKFORCE - HEALTH RELATED</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First Year Medical Resident's Headcount to Texas Medical School Graduates	110%	110%
Number of GME Expansion Grant Program Awards Made	129	24
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Family Practice Residency Program Residents Supported	1,002	1,026
Average Funding Per Family Practice Residency Program Resident	8,025	7,840
<b>E. Goal: BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Baylor College of Medicine Graduates entering Texas Residency Programs	51%	51%
Percentage of Baylor College of Medicine Graduates entering Primary Care Residency Programs	48.8%	48.8%

2. Capital Budget.

- (a) None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease

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Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

- (b) Notwithstanding (a) and the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, any unused administrative funds contained in the Student Loan Programs as of August 31, 2025, may be carried forward into fiscal year 2026 to be used for capital projects related to Cybersecurity Initiatives.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Acquisition and Refresh of IT Infrastructure	\$ 252,000	\$ 252,000
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	\$ 5,921,451	\$ 5,921,450
c. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity Initiatives	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000
d. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Agency Application Portfolio Modernization Project	\$ 4,750,000	\$ 4,750,000
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 11,273,451	\$ 11,273,450
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,788,916	\$ 9,788,915
Other Funds	\$ 1,484,535	\$ 1,484,535
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 11,273,451	\$ 11,273,450

3. **Commissioner's Salary.** The Coordinating Board is hereby authorized to utilize \$165,529 per year from the General Revenue Fund appropriated to Goal A, in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of funding the salary of the Commissioner of Higher Education at a rate not to exceed \$325,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$325,000 in fiscal year 2027.

4. **Use of Excess Registration Fees Authorization.** Any registration fee collected by the Coordinating Board to pay the expenses of a conference, seminar or meeting in excess of the actual costs of such conference, seminar or meeting may be used to pay the expenses of any other conference, seminar or meeting for which no registration fees were collected or for which registration fees collected were insufficient to cover the total expenses.

5. **Student Loan Program.** All monies and future receipts in the Texas Opportunity Plan Fund and the Texas College Student Loan Bonds Interest and Sinking Fund, the Student Loan Auxiliary Fund, and the Student Loan Revenue Fund are hereby appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, for the purposes specified in Article III, Sections 50b-4, 50b-5, 50b-6 and 50b-7 of the Texas Constitution and Education Code, Sections 52.01-52.91 and 56.121-56.135. Any payments received on B-On-Time loans shall be deposited to the General Revenue Fund and are hereby appropriated to Strategy A.1.2 for administration of the loan program. Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) employed by the Coordinating Board paid exclusively with bond proceeds appropriated in this Rider who are employed only to support the College Access Loans program are excluded from the Coordinating Board's FTE limit and exempted from the provisions set out in Article IX, Section 6.10.

6. **Texas Public Educational Grants Program.** Unless a different percentage is set by passage of legislation amending the Education Code, the amount of tuition to be set aside for the Texas Public Educational Grants Program in accordance with TEC Section 56.033(a)(1) shall be 15 percent in fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

7. **Texas Success Initiative.**

- a. Developmental Education Coursework. Funds appropriated for developmental courses under Education Code, Section 51.336, shall be expended only for those costs associated with

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providing developmental education courses including instruction, tutoring, program evaluation, professional development for faculty and support staff, and other related costs. The funds shall not be used for the recruitment of students.

- b. Intent Concerning Developmental Needs. It is the intent of the Legislature that all affected institutions of public higher education fully address developmental needs identified by the institutions through the Texas Success Initiative with appropriations made in this Act for the developmental education coursework and other available institutional funds.

### 8. Baylor College of Medicine.

- a. From funds appropriated by this Act for the Baylor College of Medicine, the Coordinating Board shall allocate an amount per student enrolled in the college equal to the cost of medical education in the established public medical schools cited in Education Code, Chapter 61, Subchapter D. The cost of medical education per student at public medical schools as determined by the Coordinating Board shall include appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for instruction and operations, infrastructure, and staff benefits allocated to undergraduate medical education. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.
- b. Appropriations made by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine are considered to be appropriations for any legal successor to Baylor College of Medicine and may be expended only for the purposes for which appropriated. Any details, limits, or restrictions applicable to those appropriations are applicable to that legal successor.
- c. The Coordinating Board is authorized to make an intergovernmental transfer of the funds appropriated by this Act for Baylor College of Medicine to the Health and Human Services Commission.

### 9. Cost Recovery for the Common Application Form.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board may recover costs, less any appropriations provided above for this purpose, related to the common application form (either electronic or paper) for each general academic institution, each participating public two-year institution, and each participating independent institution. The amount collected from each institution shall be proportional to the percentage of enrollment compared to the total enrollment of all participating institutions based on the previous year's certified Fall enrollment data. The funds collected shall only recover direct costs and only be used for the purposes of the electronic common application form, administrative expenses, and related activities designed to encourage student enrollment in college. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

### 10. Tuition Equalization Grants.

The Coordinating Board shall present the result of its most recent annual need survey for Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) funds as part of its biennial appropriations request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. The request shall include the number of eligible students and an estimate of the amount needed to fund fully the TEG program in the coming biennium. Each institution receiving tuition equalization grants shall furnish to the Coordinating Board any financial information requested.

Independent colleges and universities that enroll students receiving Tuition Equalization Grant funds appropriated by this Act shall provide reports to the Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding the diversity of their student body and faculty. The reports for headcount enrollment shall be submitted annually in a form and at a time consistent with the Board's reporting schedule. The faculty data shall be submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System (IPEDS) and accessed by the Board when available from IPEDS.

For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Tuition Equalization Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEG Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

### 11. Information Access Initiative.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall use the appropriations above to coordinate with the Texas Education Agency regarding sharing, integrating, and housing pre-kindergarten through grade 16 (P-16) public education data in implementing its Information Access Initiative. The two agencies shall work together to ensure

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that common and related data held by each agency is maintained in standardized, compatible formats to enable the efficient exchange of information between agencies and for matching of individual student records for longitudinally based studies and analysis. It is the intent of the Legislature that individual initiatives interact seamlessly across agency systems to facilitate efforts to integrate the relevant data from each agency into a longitudinal public education data resource to provide a widely accessible P-16 public education data warehouse.

- 12. Tobacco Funds - Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Fund for Minority Health Research and Education and the Permanent Fund for Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health Related Programs.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
  - b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Fund for Minority Health Research, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, estimated to be \$0 (and included above in the Method of Finance) and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
  - c. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Fund for Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health Related Programs, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, estimated to be \$0 (and included above in the Method of Finance) and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
- 13. Reporting by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board include in its Legislative Appropriations Request for the 2028-29 biennium, information on actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the Baylor College of Medicine, which receives distributions from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education and the Permanent Endowment Fund for Baylor College of Medicine.
- 14. Collegiate License Plate Collections for Out of State Institutions.** In accordance with Transportation Code, Section 504.615(d-1), funds received from license plates for out of state institutions shall be transferred to the TEXAS Grants program and are hereby appropriated for the purpose set forth in Strategy B.1.1.
- 15. Appropriations Transfers.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may allow each institution to transfer, within a fiscal year, the lesser of 25 percent or \$60,000 between an allocation an institution received for one of these programs: the Texas College Work-Study Program, TEXAS Grant Program, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program-Public Community Colleges, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Programs-Public State and Technical Colleges and the Tuition Equalization Grant Program. This threshold is applied to the program from which the funds are being transferred.
- 16. Tobacco Funds-Baylor College of Medicine-Permanent Health Fund.** Included in the amounts appropriated to the Baylor College of Medicine in Strategy E.1.4, Tobacco-Permanent Health Fund, is an estimated appropriation based on the Baylor College of Medicine's allocation of amounts, under Education Code, Section 63.003, available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated to be \$1,914,193 in each year of the 2026-27 biennium. These funds are to be used for purposes specified in Education Code, 63.002 (c), (d), and (f).

Amounts available for distribution or investment returns, in excess of the amounts listed above in Strategy E.1.4, Tobacco-Permanent Health Fund, are also appropriated. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts listed above in Strategy E.1.4, Tobacco-Permanent Health Fund, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to makeup the difference.

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All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, estimated to be \$0 (and included in the Method of Finance above) and the income to said fund during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027.

**17. Texas College Work Study Program.** Because of the positive effect of work study programs on student participation and success, funds appropriated above to Strategy B.1.5, College Work Study Program, are intended to maximize the extent to which state funds appropriated for student grants that are awarded with criteria requiring a work study component.

**18. Tobacco Funds - Baylor College of Medicine-Permanent Endowment Fund.** Included in the amounts appropriated to Baylor College of Medicine in Strategy E.1.3, Tobacco-Permanent Endowment is an estimated appropriation of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Baylor College of Medicine.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to makeup the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Baylor College of Medicine and all balances from the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, estimated to be \$0 (and included in the Method of Finance above), and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

**19. Annual Financial Aid Report.** The Coordinating Board shall present an annual report concerning student financial aid at Texas public and independent institutions of higher education. This report shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board by November 1 of each calendar year.

**20. Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.8, Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program, any unexpended balances on hand on or after March 1 of each year shall be transferred to the TEXAS Grant Program and are hereby appropriated for the purpose set forth in Strategy B.1.1. Any payments received on Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program loans are appropriated to Strategy A.1.2 for administration of the program.

**21. Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.** Appropriations for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program total \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$23,400,000 in fiscal year 2027. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall allocate the funds appropriated in their bill pattern in Strategy D.1.6, as follows:

- a. Up to 3 percent each year may be used for administrative expenses. Funds used for program administration shall proportionally reduce the amounts allocated in Subsections b, c, and d.
- b. Growth Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed in an equitable manner to institutions with nursing programs, including institutions graduating their first nursing class, based on increases in the numbers of nursing students graduating. Nursing graduates include graduates for initial licensure. The THECB shall allocate up to 50 percent in each fiscal year of the biennium and any unexpended amounts to community colleges.
- c. Production Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of nursing students graduating from a program each year. Nursing graduates include graduates for initial licensure.



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- d. Faculty Tier. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.6, Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program, \$5,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,400,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be distributed in an equitable manner based on the total number of doctoral level and master's in nursing education students graduating from a program each year.
- e. For THECB expenditure purposes, any funds not expended in fiscal year 2026 may be expended in fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes. If an institution spends funds on non-qualifying expenditures or does not spend the funds within the designated timeframe, the institution shall return these funds to the THECB by the date specified by THECB rule. The THECB shall reallocate these funds to other qualified programs. All institutions receiving funds shall submit to the THECB a detailed accounting of funds received, obligated or expended.
- f. The THECB may not include nonresident students who are enrolled in online professional nursing programs while residing outside of the state in methodologies used to calculate program awards described in Paragraphs b, c, and d.

**22. Family Practice Rural and Public Health Rotations.** Funds appropriated above for Family Practice Residency Programs, include up to \$113,957 in fiscal year 2026 and \$113,957 in fiscal year 2027 for one month rural rotations or one month public health rotations for family practice residents in accordance with the provision of Education Code, Section 51.918.

**23. Developmental Education and Underprepared Student Support.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Academic Innovation and Success for the Developmental Education Program, \$1,285,250 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,285,250 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2027 shall be used to continue scaling effective strategies that promote systemic reforms, to improve student outcomes and provide professional development opportunities for faculty and staff focused on improving evidence-based practices for advising, acceleration strategies and completion/transfers of underprepared students. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will collaborate with Texas public institutions of higher education to scale and enhance corequisite models using non-course competency based interventions, emporium/modular and other innovative technology-based and hybrid delivery models, tutoring and supplemental instruction, as well as support services impacting persistence and completions. Out of funds appropriated to this strategy, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will analyze and compare information collected annually from all Texas public institutions on the annual Developmental Education Program Survey and other Texas Success Initiative (TSI) data to determine the most effective and efficient interventions and submit a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chair of House Appropriations, Senate Committee on Higher Education and House Committee on Higher Education before February 1, 2027. Any balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**24. Toward EXcellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) Grant Program.** For all funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, and funds transferred into the TEXAS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purposes.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall coordinate with eligible institutions to distribute funds appropriated above for Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, to those institutions in a manner that ensures that each eligible student who graduates in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class for the 2025-26 academic year and in the top 25 percent of the student's high school graduating class for the 2026-27 academic year receives an initial grant. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may transfer not more than five percent of the total funds appropriated for Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, to that strategy for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, to the extent necessary to implement this rider.

Any amounts received by the Higher Education Coordinating Board as donations under Education Code, Section 56.310, during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

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Any amounts transferred to the Higher Education Coordinating Board by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in accordance with Texas Property Code, Section 72.1016(e), which provides that five percent of the money collected from stored value cards presumed to be abandoned are to be used as grants under Education Code, Chapter 56, Subchapter M, are hereby appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the purpose of awarding TEXAS Grants during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

- 25. Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public Community Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public Community Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public Community Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall coordinate with eligible institutions to distribute funds appropriated for Strategy B.1.3, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public Community Colleges, to those institutions in a manner that ensures that each eligible student who graduates in the top 25 percent of the student's high school graduating class receives an initial grant for the 2026-2027 academic year.

For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public Community Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program Public Community Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose

- 26. Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG) Program-Public State and Technical Colleges.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public State and Technical Colleges, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute funding to Public State and Technical Colleges for the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program. The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall coordinate with eligible institutions to distribute funds appropriated for Strategy B.1.4, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public State and Technical Colleges, to those institutions in a manner that ensures that each eligible student who graduates in the top 25 percent of the student's high school graduating class receives an initial grant for the 2026-2027 academic year.

For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Public State and Technical Colleges, and funds transferred into the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program Public State and Technical Colleges, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose

- 27. College Work-Study (CWS) Program.** For all funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, College Work Study (CWS) Program and funds transferred into the CWS Grant Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose.

- 28. Full-Time Equivalents Funded by Private Grants.** Consistent with the provisions in Article IX, Section 6.10, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may exceed the limitation on the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) indicated above only by the number of FTEs whose salaries, benefits, and other expenses related to employment are through federal or private grant funds.

- 29. Graduate Medical Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate funds as follows:

- a. \$239,345 in fiscal year 2026 and \$239,345 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award one-time graduate medical education planning and partnership grants to hospitals, medical schools, and community-based ambulatory patient care centers to develop new graduate medical education programs.
- b. \$135,566,070 in fiscal year 2026 and \$135,566,070 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to enable new or existing GME programs to increase the number of first year residency positions and provide support to these positions through the biennium. The minimum per resident award amount is \$75,000.

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- c. \$4,739,027 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,739,027 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs to enable those programs that received a grant award in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to fill first year residency positions that are unfilled as of July 1, 2013.
- d. \$11,668,058 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,668,058 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, shall be used to award grants to graduate medical education programs that received a grant award for the New and Expanded Graduate Medical Education Program in fiscal year 2015.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01 of this Act any funds identified above that remain unexpended and unobligated after the purposes stated in this rider have been reasonably addressed, may be transferred to the other programs identified by this rider.

- 30. Family Practice Residency Program.** All unexpended balances for Strategy D.1.1, Family Practice Residency Program at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose.
- 31. Trauma Fellowships.** Appropriations above to the Higher Education Coordinating Board in Strategy D.1.4, Trauma Care Program, include \$2,957,203 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,957,203 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund. This program provides funds for the expansion of physician and nursing trauma fellowships per Education Code, Chapter 61, Subchapter HH, Texas Emergency and Trauma Care Educational Partnership Program. Any unexpended balance for Strategy D.1.4, Trauma Care Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.
- 32. Texas Research Incentive Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy G.1.1, Texas Research Incentive Program, shall be distributed in accordance with Education Code, Sections 62.121-62.124.
- 33. Educational Aide Program.** For all funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.7, Educational Aide Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027. The Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed to prioritize the distribution of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.7, Educational Aid Program, to institutions providing a match of at least 10 percent for each exemption awarded.
- 34. Advise TX.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board may solicit and accept gifts for additional support for the Advise TX program. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose. Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report information regarding the effectiveness of the Advise TX program to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office by January 1st of each year.
- 35. Autism Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy G.1.2, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall distribute to autism research centers at public and private institutions of higher education that currently provide evidence-based behavioral services and training, in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:
  - a. Parent-directed Treatment: \$2,055,000 per fiscal year to serve 750 children per year;
  - b. Board-certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) Training for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: \$950,000 per fiscal year to serve 2,547 children per year. The research centers may contract with educational service centers to provide this training;
  - c. Research, development and evaluation of innovative autism treatment models: \$700,000 per fiscal year; and
  - d. Administrative support of the programs in Subsections a through c: \$150,000 per fiscal year may be expended by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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- e. If funds appropriated under Paragraphs a, b, or c exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of that paragraph, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any purpose described in Paragraphs a, b, or c.
- f. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

THECB shall gather data on the above programs from each institution's autism research center and submit an annual report on the effectiveness of each program, including the number of children served, the number of parents and/or teachers/paraprofessionals trained, and the results of the research on innovative treatment models. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1 of each year, to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

**36. Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education.** The proceeds of the Permanent Fund Supporting Graduate Medical Education available for allocation are appropriated in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Other Funds for each year of the biennium ending August 31, 2027, for the purpose of supporting Graduate Medical Education.

**37. Program to Encourage Certification to Teach Bilingual Education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Bilingual Education Program, the Coordinating Board may allocate in equal amounts to the University of North Texas, University of North Texas at Dallas, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Dallas, The University of Texas Arlington, East Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, The University of Texas San Antonio, The University of Texas El Paso, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Texas A&M University- Kingsville, and University of Houston - Clear Lake to be used for grants to provide financial incentives in the form of tuition assistance, to encourage students who enroll in an educator preparation program at the university to become certified to teach bilingual education, English as a Second Language, or Spanish in school districts with high critical needs. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

The program shall make awards to qualified students admitted to the Teacher Education Program in Bilingual Education or other comparable programs for teacher education in English as a second language or Spanish. Qualified students must: 1) have demonstrated financial need, as defined by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and 2) Maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. The program shall submit a report not later than January 1, 2027, to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board detailing annual information on the following performance measures:

- a. Student graduation rates from the program;
- b. Passage rates for the Texas Examination of Education Standards Bilingual Education Supplemental exam and/or the English as a Second Language Supplemental exam; and Graduate employment data at Texas public school districts.

**38. Preceptorship Program.** All unexpended balances for Strategy D.1.2, Preceptorship Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose.

**39. Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium.**

- (a) Appropriation. Included in the amounts appropriated above in strategy D.1.7, Child Mental Health Care Consortium, is \$140,700,177 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$140,700,175 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027. Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.7, Child Mental Health Care Consortium is all unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, to be used for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0 from the General Revenue Fund).
- (b) Programs. At the direction of the Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium (TCMHCC), the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) shall transfer appropriations through interagency contracts with health-related institutions for the following programs:

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Program	2026	2027
Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)	\$ 18,190,105	\$ 18,190,105
Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT)	\$ 80,313,031	\$ 80,313,030
Workforce Expansion	\$ 16,228,567	\$ 16,228,567
CAP Fellowships	\$ 7,168,644	\$ 7,168,644
Coordinated Research	\$ 14,790,355	\$ 14,790,354
Central Operation Support Hub	\$ 1,836,768	\$ 1,836,768
External Evaluation	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Administration	\$ 1,672,707	\$ 1,672,707
(c) Administration and Oversight. Not later than September 1, 2025, out of funds referenced in Subsection (b) of this rider, THECB shall execute interagency and other contracts to transfer \$1,672,707 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,672,707 in fiscal year 2027 to an institution of higher education designated by TCMHCC for oversight and evaluation of the outlined initiatives. THECB may employ, using existing resources, one additional FTE in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to oversee the transfer.		
(d) Transfers and LBB Approval. TCMHCC may transfer up to 10 percent of funds between programs referenced in Subsection (b) of this rider. If TCMHCC needs to transfer more than 10 percent of funds between programs, TCMHCC shall seek approval from the Legislative Budget Board (LBB). The request shall be considered approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 10 business days.		
(e) Unexpended Balances. Any unexpended balances remaining at THECB or any participating institution of higher education which may have received a transfer of this appropriation as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.		
(f) TCMHCC shall utilize TCHATT to identify and assess behavioral health needs and provide access to mental health services, with a focus on the behavioral health needs of at-risk children and adolescents. TCMHCC shall explore opportunities for third-party reimbursement for any other necessary services delivered beyond four TCHATT sessions or to address any broader needs, including through Medicaid, CHIP, a private health plan, and school-based reimbursement.		

**40. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: Academic Innovation and Success.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Academic Innovation and Success, are intended to assist Texans to prepare for, enter, and/or reenter higher education, increase success rates, and increase access to courses with reduced textbook costs. These include programs that provide a one-stop advising tool for all students, increase advising at Texas high schools with low college-going rates, improve the effectiveness and delivery of developmental education, ,improve college and career advising for all students, support programs that use evidence-based models to increase student success, and increase the availability of open education resources and institutional course-sharing through grants and the maintenance of an Open Educational Resources Repository. Out of funds appropriated above, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report information regarding the effectiveness of the Open Educational Resources Grant Program to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office by October 1st of each year. The distribution of available amounts in Strategy A.1.3, Academic Innovation and Success includes, but is not limited to, the following program allocations:

Program	2026	2027
Developmental Education	\$1,285,250	\$1,285,250
My Texas Future	\$9,300,000	\$9,300,000
College and Career Advising	\$3,525,852	\$3,525,852
Student Success Programs	\$5,083,298	\$5,083,298

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Open Education and Course Sharing	\$8,231,278	\$8,231,278
Total	\$27,425,678	\$27,425,678

If monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated for any program above exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of the program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any other purpose above.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027.

**41. College and Career Advising-Texas OnCourse Program.** From funds appropriated above to Strategy A.1.3, Academic Innovation and Success, the College and Career Advising program in coordination with the Governor’s Tri Agency Initiative, shall support the use of strategic and technology driven approaches to student advising based on student demographics, enrollment, performance and outcomes data. The Board may contract with the Texas Higher Education Foundation in order to license or otherwise commercialize products and resources developed by Texas OnCourse.

Any unexpended appropriations as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for the same purposes for fiscal year 2026. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

All revenue received during fiscal year 2026 and 2027, related to the use of OnCourse services, are appropriated for the same purpose.

**42. Graduate Medical Education Expansion Administration.** It is the intent of the legislature, that in administrating the program above in Strategy D.1.3, Graduate Medical Education Expansion, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall consider the timing of the grant application and award process, and shall consider the time needed to obtain accreditation approval of new residency positions as well as the time needed to allow new residency positions to be included in the next scheduled annual match process by the National Resident Matching Program.

**43. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: Educational Loan Repayment Programs.** The distribution of available amounts in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program includes the following program allocations:

Program	2026	2027
Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Program	\$ 1,304,063	\$ 1,304,063
Math and Science Loan Repayment Program	1,255,313	1,255,313
Peace Officer Loan Repayment Program	2,063,757	2,063,757
Physician Education Loan Repayment Program	17,767,492	17,767,492
Mental Health Loan Repayment Program	14,000,000	14,000,000
Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program	3,500,000	3,500,000
Nursing Loan Repayment Program	6,250,000	6,250,000
Total	\$46,140,625	\$46,140,625

If monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated for any program above exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of the program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any other purpose above.

Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027.

**44. Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Retention Rates.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of a survey of physicians who have received funding through the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program to determine rates of retention in those shortage areas and counties. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the results of the survey in its Annual Financial Aid Report of every even numbered year.

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- 45. Physician Education Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided to Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment for the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program, are appropriated in accordance with Education Code, Sections 61.531 - 61.539, for repayment of eligible student loans received by a physician who meets the stipulated requirements.
- 46. Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.** Any payments received from students are hereby appropriated for the same purposes as the original Teach for Texas Loan Repayment Assistance Program.
- 47. Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program.** The funds provided to the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Program are appropriated to Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment, in accordance with Education Code, Sections 61.9821 - 61.9828, for repayment of eligible student loans received by qualified nurses who meet the stipulated requirements. In accordance with Education Code, Chapter 61, Section 61.9826, which provides for the allocation of funds from the Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Fund (Account 5144) for the Nursing Faculty Loan Repayment Assistance Program, any reallocated funds are hereby appropriated for loan repayment assistance to qualifying nursing faculty.
- 48. Math and Science Scholar's Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided to Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment Program, include funding for the Math and Science Scholar's Loan Repayment Program, which are appropriated in accordance with Education Code, Sections 61.9831-61.9841.
- 49. Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.8, Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 is from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the development or expansion, and administration of accredited forensic psychiatry one-year fellowship training programs and to support the salaries and benefits of the training physicians. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 50. Nursing Scholarships.** For all funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.9, Nursing Scholarships, and funds transferred into the Nursing Scholarship Program, any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and any such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.
- 51. Computer Science Pipeline Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Computer Science Pipeline Initiative, \$7,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is to be used to consolidate and streamline computer science education by establishing a statewide Computer Science Pipeline Initiative administered and operated by WeTeach CS at the Texas Advanced Computing Center.
- Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 52. Rural Residency Physician Grant Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.10, Rural Residency Physician Grant Program, \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 is from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to award grants for the creation of new graduate medical education positions in rural and non-metropolitan areas. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 53. Nursing Innovation Grant Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.11, Nursing Innovation Grant Program, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the purpose of supporting innovation in nursing education programs. Up to 3 percent of funding may be used for administrative expenses at the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Funding will be used to support the development of innovative nursing education programs, evaluation of these and other innovative nursing programs, and research on methods to increase the state's nursing workforce pipeline.

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

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- 54. Reporting Requirement for Community College Formula Funding.** The Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, any information or data related to community college formula funding by September 1st of each year.
- 55. Scholarship Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.9, Scholarship Program, is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the Senfronia Thompson Scholarship Program.
- 56. Informational Listing of Appropriated Funds: Workforce Education and Reskilling Programs.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Workforce Education and Reskilling Programs, are intended for creating, redesigning, or expanding workforce training programs and to provide grants and funding to enhance pathways into high-demand and higher-earning occupations. The distribution of available amounts in Strategy C.1.4, Workforce Education and Reskilling Programs includes, but is not limited to, the following program allocations:

Programs	2026	2027
TRUE Program	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000
Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program	\$ 4,332,000	UB
Total:	\$16,832,000	\$12,500,000

If monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated to any program above exceed the funds that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of the program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may expend the excess funds for any other purpose above. Up to 5 percent of funds each year for the Innovative Adult Career Education Grant Program may be used for administrative purposes.

Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

- 57. Financial Aid for Swift Transfer.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) distribute the funding transferred from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), estimated to be \$78,650,000 for fiscal year 2026 and \$86,515,000 for fiscal year 2027, to participating public institutions of higher education to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses as a result of House Bill 8, 88th Legislative Session. Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purposes in fiscal year 2027.
- To the extent that estimated amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the TEA for each school year differ from actual amounts required to enable certain students to enroll at no cost to the student in dual credit courses as a result of House Bill 8, 88th Legislative Session, the TEA shall transfer to the THECB the additional amounts necessary to distribute the required amounts to participating institutions in a timely manner. The THECB shall settle up with the TEA in the subsequent fiscal year, so that TEA may recover from or transfer to the THECB any amounts necessary to reflect the correct amounts. By December 1 of each fiscal year, the THECB shall report to the TEA and the Legislative Budget Board the final amounts required for each school year and the total amounts transferred during each fiscal year.
- By October 1, 2026, the THECB shall report to the TEA and the Legislative Budget Board the estimated amounts required for each school and the estimated total amounts to be transferred for the fiscal year in a manner provided by the Legislative Budget Board.
- 58. Nurse Loan Repayment Program.** The funds provided in Strategy C.1.3, Educational Loan Repayment for the Nurse Loan Repayment Program, are appropriated in accordance with Education Code, Sections 61.651-61.659, for repayment of eligible student loans received by a nurse who meets the stipulated requirements.
- 59. Texas Transfer Grant Program.** Any unexpended balances for Strategy B.1.11, Texas Transfer Grants Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and transferred into strategy B.1.1, Texas Grant Program.
- 60. Texas Leadership Scholars Program.** Any unexpended balances for Strategy B.1.12, Texas Leadership Scholars Program, at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and are appropriated for the same purpose.



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- 61. Contingency Funding for Texas Research Incentive Program.** Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the repeal of the Texas Research Incentive Program, the Higher Education Coordinating Board is appropriated \$409,658,671 in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy G.1.1, Texas Research Incentive Program, to address the backlog in eligible unmatched donations received through the program and certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as of the board's January 2025 quarterly board meeting. Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2026, is appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.
- 62. TEXAS Grants for TEOG Transfer Students.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, TEXAS Grant Program, \$27,376,008 in fiscal year 2027 will be used to provide TEXAS Grants for eligible students who meet the criteria established in Education Code, Section 56.3041(a)(2)(c).
- 63. Contingency Funding for Texas Educational Opportunity Grants (TEOG) for Baccalaureate Degrees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, TEOG Public Community Colleges, \$3,418,363 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to the expansion of the Texas Educational Opportunity Grant Program to provide grants for students seeking bachelor's degrees at community colleges.
- 64. Contingency Funding for Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.8, Texas Armed Services, \$3,035,315 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,035,315 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature relating to increasing the maximum award amount for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- 65. Rural Veterinary Incentive Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Rural Veterinary Incentive Program, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be deposited to the credit of General Revenue Account 5191, Rural Veterinary Incentive, to support the Rural Veterinary Incentive Program established under Education Code Chapter 56, Subchapter G. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 66. Education and Retention Study.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.12, Education and Retention Study, to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, is \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to conduct a study on the education and retention of obstetricians and gynecologists in Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 67. Veterinary Medicine Workforce Study.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Veterinary Medicine Study, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used by the Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a comprehensive workforce study on veterinary medicine in Texas.

The study shall assess whether the state's veterinary workforce needs are being met and analyze workforce trends, with particular attention to the following:

- (a) The impact of the Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine (TTU-SVM) on veterinary shortages in underserved areas, including rural communities, regions with a high volume of large and food animal practice, and the U.S./Mexico border.
- (b) The effects of TTU-SVM's applicant selection and distributed education model on the retention and placement of veterinarians in areas of need.
- (c) The role of Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine's expanded class size and Veterinary Education, Research, and Outreach (VERO) program in addressing workforce shortages.
- (d) The influence of increased veterinary school enrollments in neighboring states on the availability of veterinarians in Texas.

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- (e) The effectiveness and future potential of the Rural Veterinarian Incentive Program (RVIP) in alleviating shortages, given its recent funding and active participants.

The THECB shall submit a report detailing the findings of this study, including recommendations for future workforce planning, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1, 2026.

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

**68. Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.13, Behavioral Health Innovation, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall allocate \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to the Behavioral Health Innovation Grant Program to support recruitment, training, and retention programs in behavioral health fields through the solicitation of grant applications from public community colleges. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

HIGHER EDUCATION FUND

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 393,750,000	\$ 393,750,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> HIGHER EDUCATION FUND		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> HIGHER EDUCATION FUND	\$ 393,750,000	\$ 393,750,000
<b>Grand Total,</b> HIGHER EDUCATION FUND	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Capital Expenditures	\$ 393,750,000	\$ 393,750,000
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 393,750,000</u>

**1. Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, in the General Revenue Fund pursuant to the provision of Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 17(a), are appropriated to the respective institutions for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 31,013,119	\$ 11,013,119
Permanent Endowment Fund Account No. 822, UT Regional Academic Health Center, estimated	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 32,543,119</u>	<u>\$ 12,543,119</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 2.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION  
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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	470.5	534.5
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Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> DEBT SERVICE - NSERB	\$ 654,060	\$ 654,060
Debt Service for the Natural Science and Engr. Building at UT - Dallas.		

<b>B. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>B.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> MULTI-INSTITUTION CENTER - LAREDO	\$ 6,639,568	\$ 6,639,568
Multi-institution Center In Laredo.		
<b>B.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> TRC4	\$ 20,000,000	\$ UB
Trauma Research And Combat Casualty Care Collaborative.		
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 26,639,568	\$ 6,639,568

<b>C. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - RAHC	\$ 1,530,000	\$ 1,530,000
Tobacco Earnings for the Lower Rio Grande Valley RAHC.		

<b>D. Goal:</b> HEALTH PROGRAMS		
Trusted Funds for Health Programs.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> HEART INST - ADULT STEM CELL PGM	\$ 1,581,991	\$ 1,581,991
Heart Institute - Adult Stem Cell Program.		
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> STROKE CLINICAL RESEARCH	2,137,500	2,137,500
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 3,719,491	\$ 3,719,491
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 32,543,119	\$ 12,543,119

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 892,907	\$ 892,907
Other Personnel Costs	342,772	342,772
Professional Fees and Services	263,500	263,500
Consumable Supplies	32,655	32,655
Utilities	200,000	200,000
Travel	20,000	20,000
Debt Service	654,060	654,060
Other Operating Expense	27,999,725	7,999,725
Grants	2,137,500	2,137,500
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 32,543,119	\$ 12,543,119

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Group Insurance	\$ 47,204	\$ 50,982
Social Security	50,100	52,905
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 97,304	\$ 103,887

1. **Aircraft Authorized.** The University of Texas System may acquire, operate and maintain, including replacing, one passenger airplane. Such airplane should be acquired by gift, if possible, but may be acquired by purchase subject to the authority under Government Code, Chapter 2205. All costs of acquisition, operation and maintenance, including replacement, may be paid out of the Available University Fund allocable to The University of Texas System. The University of Texas System may lease on a short-term basis additional aircraft as needed from time to time.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION**  
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**2. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.**

- a. Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Academic Health Center.
- b. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- c. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Lower Rio Grande Valley Regional Academic Health Center, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are appropriated to The University of Texas System Administration and to any University of Texas institutions to which funds may be transferred by The University of Texas System Administration. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027 to The University of Texas System Administration and to any University of Texas institutions to which funds may have been transferred by The University of Texas System Administration.

**3. Stroke Clinical Research.** Out of the funds appropriated above to The University of Texas System in Strategy D.1.2, Stroke Clinical Research, \$4,275,000 from the General Revenue Fund over the biennium at The University of Texas System is for the administration of the statewide stroke clinical research network, Stroke System of Care Coordination (Lone Star Stroke). Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**4. Multi-Institution Center - Laredo.** The University of Texas System is authorized to operate the Multi-Institution Center in Laredo. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, The University of Texas System Administration may transfer appropriations to any general academic or health related institution from Strategy B.1.1, Multi-Institution Center - Laredo to be used for educational programs or other services operated at or related to the Multi-Institution Center - Laredo.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy B.1.1, Multi-Institution Center - Laredo, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas System Administration or to any general academic or health related institution which may have received a transfer of this appropriation from The University of Texas System Administration for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 Benefits Paid Proportional by Fund of this Act, appropriations made to The University of Texas System Administration and transferred to any general academic or health related institution to be used in relation to the Multi-Institution Center - Laredo shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to the respective institution.

**5. TRC4.** The University of Texas System is authorized to operate the Trauma Research and Combat Casualty Care Collaborative (TRC4). Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, The University of Texas System Administration may transfer appropriations to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio or to any general academic or health related institution from Strategy B.2.1., TRC4, to be used in conjunction with the intended purposes of TRC4. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Sec. 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio may transfer funds identified in Strategy B.2.1., TRC4, to any other general academic or health related institution. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy B.2.1., TRC4, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas System Administration or any participating institution which may have received a transfer of this appropriation for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
Available University Fund No. 011, estimated	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: MANAGE/ADMINISTER ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
Provide Management and Administrative Support for Endowment Funds.		
A.1.1. Strategy: TEXAS A&M UNIV SYSTEM ALLOCATION	\$ 576,843,774	\$ 608,103,914
Texas A&M Univ. System Available Univ. Fund Allocation, estimated.		
A.1.2. Strategy: THE UNIV OF TEXAS SYSTEM ALLOCATION	1,180,424,547	1,241,478,828
The Univ. of Texas System Available Univ. Fund Allocation, estimated.		
Total, Goal A: MANAGE/ADMINISTER ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742
Grand Total, AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Other Operating Expense	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 1,757,268,321	\$ 1,849,582,742

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Available University Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Available University Fund. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Available University Fund shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: MANAGE/ADMINISTER ENDOWMENT FUNDS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Permanent University Fund (PUF) Investment Expense as Basis		
Points of Net Assets	24.8	24.8

2. **Texas A&M University System Share.** There is appropriated to the Texas A&M University System for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, that portion of the Available University Fund No. 011 apportioned to it by Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(f), except the part of that portion appropriated by Section 18 for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, together with interest and any balance in the Texas A&M University Available Fund No. 047 for any previous fiscal year. The Texas A&M University System is authorized to use a portion of its share of the Available University Fund No. 011 for the matching of private grants for the endowment of scholarships, fellowships, library support, and academic positions at Texas A&M University and Prairie View A&M University.
3. **The University of Texas System Share.** There is appropriated for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, that portion of the Available University Fund No. 011 apportioned to The University of Texas System by Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(f), together with interest and any balance in the Available University Fund No. 011 for any previous years, except that portion appropriated by Section 18 for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System. This appropriation may only be used for support and maintenance by The University of Texas at Austin and The University of Texas System Administration including new construction, major repairs and rehabilitation, equipment,

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maintenance, operation, salaries, endowments, scholarships, research activities, and the matching of private grants for the endowment of scholarships, fellowships, library support, and academic positions.

- 4. Transfer Authorization.** The University of Texas System shall transfer from the Available University Fund No. 011 into the Texas A&M University Available Fund No. 047 the respective portion required by Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(f).

**5. Reporting.**

- a. The University of Texas System Board of Regents and the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents shall report to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 1 of each year the uses of the Available University Fund (AUF) for each system component and for the system office operations for the two previous fiscal years, the current fiscal year, and two future fiscal years (projected). Each report shall contain detailed information on the following:
  - (1) debt service allocations, by component;
  - (2) bond proceeds allocations, by component;
  - (3) excellence allocations, by component or system office, and their purposes;
  - (4) Available University Fund income, interest, beginning-and-end-of-year balances; and
  - (5) the rationale used by the respective boards to distribute AUF funds.
- b. In addition, by December 1 of each year, authorized managers of permanent funds and endowments whose earnings are appropriated above shall submit an annual financial report which shall include, at a minimum, an income statement and balance sheet and a summary of the investment return of the fund during the preceding fiscal year. The annual financial report shall also contain:
  - (1) a summary of all gains, losses and income from investments and an itemized list of all securities held for the fund on August 31;
  - (2) any other information needed by the Governor or the Legislative Budget Board to clearly indicate the nature and extent of investments made of the fund and all income realized from the components of the fund.

The annual financial report shall be distributed to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board by December 1 of each year of the biennium.

- 6. Reporting Requirements for System Office Operations and System Initiatives.** In addition to the reporting requirements in Rider 5, The University of Texas System and Texas A&M University System shall report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1 of each fiscal year additional information regarding the use of the Available University Fund for system office operations and system initiatives for the two previous fiscal years, the current fiscal year, and two future fiscal years (projected). The report shall include the following:

- a. Available University Fund support and maintenance allocations and expenditures for system office operations and system initiatives by activity (which must include an activity for the Board of Regents), including the object of expense detail for each activity, the number of full-time equivalents (FTEs) funded by the Available University Fund in each activity, a detailed description of the purpose and authority for each activity, and a reconciliation between Available University Fund allocations and expenditures each fiscal year including the resulting Available University Fund surplus or deficit;
- b. A detailed listing of the role and function of any FTEs included in the Board of Regents activity;
- c. A listing of funds outside of the Available University Fund, including gifts, donations, and other funds outside the treasury, used for each activity each fiscal year; and
- d. Any additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

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**7. Appropriation Limitation for System Initiatives.**

- a. Notwithstanding Rider 2 and Rider 3, no funds appropriated above shall be used for system initiatives at the Texas A&M University System or The University of Texas System without written notification to the Legislative Budget Board at least 30 calendar days prior to the Board of Regents taking action on system initiatives. For system initiatives having a cost in excess of \$5 million, the initiative shall be considered approved unless disapproved by the Legislative Budget Board. The notification by the Texas A&M University System or The University of Texas System to expend the appropriations for system initiatives must include at a minimum: (1) a detailed description of each requested system initiative activity funded by the Available University Fund; (2) the amount of Available University Fund appropriations for each activity each fiscal year, including object of expense detail; and (3) the number of full-time equivalent positions supported by the requested Available University Fund amounts for each activity.
- b. The Texas A&M University System and The University of Texas System may use funds appropriated above for the following purposes without notifying the Legislative Budget Board:
  - (1) The payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents at either system; and
  - (2) Support and maintenance funding allocated directly to The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, including Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Prairie View A&M University.

**8. Program Categories.** All expenditures made with Available University Fund appropriations must be categorized in one of the following program categories:

- a. Debt service, including the payment of principal and interest on bonds or notes issued by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System or the Texas A&M University System;
- b. System office operations;
- c. System initiatives, distinguishing those initiated by the chancellor of the system and those initiated by or for the board of regents; or
- d. Support of eligible component institutions, including appropriations for the support and maintenance of The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, including Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and Prairie View A&M University.

**9. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, in the Available University Fund (AUF) appropriations apportioned to The University of Texas System, Texas A&M University System, or to any University of Texas or Texas A&M institution to which AUF may have been transferred by its system office are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the AUF appropriations apportioned to The University of Texas System, Texas A&M University System, or to any University of Texas or Texas A&M institution to which AUF may have been transferred by its system office are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
Available Texas University Fund No. 8214, estimated	\$ 183,318,993	\$ 183,318,993
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 183,318,993</u>	<u>\$ 183,318,993</u>

AVAILABLE TEXAS UNIVERSITY FUND  
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal:</b> FUND DISTRIBUTION		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> FUND DISTRIBUTION	\$ 183,318,993	\$ 183,318,993
Fund Distribution to Eligible Institutions.		
<b>Grand Total</b> , AVAILABLE TEXAS UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 183,318,993	\$ 183,318,993
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Other Operating Expense	\$ 183,318,993	\$ 183,318,993
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 183,318,993	\$ 183,318,993

- 1. Distribution to Eligible Institutions.** There is appropriated to each eligible institution for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, that portion of the earnings of the Texas University Fund distributed to it by Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 20, together with any interest on balances attributable to the eligible institutions. Pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 20, each eligible institution must use its Available Texas University Fund appropriation only for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution.
- 2. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in Available Texas University Fund appropriations made to each eligible institution are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 107,433,233	\$ 107,433,233
Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions No. 210, estimated	\$ 10,767,184	\$ 10,767,184
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	\$ 118,200,417	\$ 118,200,417

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal:</b> FUND FOR MILITARY & VET EXEMPTIONS		
Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions (MVE Fund).		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> DISTRIBUTE TO ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS	\$ 10,767,184	\$ 10,767,184
Distribution from MVE Fund to Eligible Institutions.		
<b>B. Goal:</b> REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTS		
Reimbursements from General Revenue for Hazlewood Exemptions.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> REIMBURSEMENT FOR HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTS	\$ 107,433,233	\$ 107,433,233
Reimbursements from General Revenue Fund to Eligible Institutions.		
<b>Grand Total</b> , SUPPORT FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EXEMPTIONS	\$ 118,200,417	\$ 118,200,417
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Other Operating Expense	\$ 118,200,417	\$ 118,200,417
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 118,200,417	\$ 118,200,417



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- 1. Distribution to Eligible Institutions.** There is appropriated to each eligible institution of higher education for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, an annual distribution amount from the Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions to offset the cost to each institution of higher education of the exemptions required by Education Code, Section 54.341(k). The annual distribution total from the fund shall be determined by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. The annual distribution from the fund shall be distributed to eligible institutions in proportion to each institution's respective share of the aggregate cost to all institutions of the exemptions required by Education Code, Section 54.341(k), as determined and approved by the Legislative Budget Board. The determined distribution allocations shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its distribution calculations and forwards the distribution calculations 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.

Pursuant to Education Code, Section 54.341(h), each institution of higher education shall report information required for determining the distribution allocations. In the event an institution of higher education receives any funds from the Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions as a result of data reporting errors, the amount of funds related to the reporting errors shall be lapsed.

The Legislative Budget Board shall provide a copy of the approved annual distribution allocation data and amounts by institution to all receiving institutions of higher education.

- 2. Reimbursements for Hazlewood Exemption Program.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers or similar provisions of this Act, the General Revenue Fund amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts, are for the sole purpose of funding the proportionate share of the total cost to each institution for the Hazlewood Exemption Legacy Program and may not be used for any other purpose.

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts shall annually distribute the appropriations made in Strategy B.1.1, Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts, according to the proportion of each institution's respective share of the aggregate cost of the exemption for students under the Hazlewood Exemption Legacy Program in Education Code, Section 54.341(k), as determined by the Legislative Budget Board consistent with the annual distribution from the Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions. The appropriations made in Strategy B.1.1, Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts, may not be distributed without the prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

The determined distribution allocations shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its distribution calculations and forwards the distribution calculations 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.

For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08, Benefits Proportional by Fund, of this Act, appropriations made in Strategy B.1.1 and transferred to any institution of higher education shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to the respective institution.

Pursuant to Education Code, Section 54.341(h), each institution of higher education shall report information required for determining the distribution allocations. In the event an institution of higher education receives any monies from the General Revenue Fund as a result of data reporting errors, the amount of funds related to the reporting errors shall be lapsed.

The Legislative Budget Board shall provide a copy of the approved annual distribution allocation data and amounts by institution to all receiving institutions of higher education.

- 3. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, in Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions appropriations made to each eligible institution of higher education are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31,

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2026, in Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veterans Exemptions appropriations made to each eligible institution of higher education are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, resulting from appropriation distributions made to each eligible institution of higher education out of Strategy B.1.1, Reimbursement for Hazlewood Exempts, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

4. **Texas Veterans Commission Veterans Exemption Data.** By November 30 of each year, the Texas Veterans Commission shall provide a report to eligible institutions and their system office on veteran, child, spouse and legacy participants in the Hazlewood exemption program. At a minimum, the report would include all institutions, broken down by institution and exemption type, and would contain numbers of students, total exemption hours, total value of exemptions. Any information provided would not be personally identifiable, so as to not violate the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 157,471,926	\$ 157,471,926
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 9,462,295	\$ 9,462,295
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>64,772,614</u>	<u>64,772,614</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 74,234,909	\$ 74,234,909
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 4,073</u>	<u>\$ 4,073</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 231,710,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 231,710,908</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 26.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,957.5	1,957.5
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 140,520,007	\$ 140,520,007
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,465,235	1,465,235
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	7,193,279	7,193,279
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	215,308	215,308
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	20,929	20,929
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>7,215,846</u>	<u>7,215,846</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 156,630,604	\$ 156,630,604
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 21,838,028	\$ 21,838,028
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>16,734,591</u>	<u>16,734,591</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 38,572,619	\$ 38,572,619

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<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: RESEARCH</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> UT ARLINGTON RESEARCH INSTITUTE UT Arlington Research Institute (UTARI).	\$ 1,220,899	\$ 1,220,899
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> BIOHEALTH INNOVATION INSTITUTE	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> NORTH TEXAS WATER INSTITUTE	5,000,000	5,000,000
<b>C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE OF URBAN STUDIES	\$ 136,617	\$ 136,617
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES	19,159	19,159
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> CENTER ENTREPRENEURSHIP/TECH DEV Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology Development.	1,633,933	1,633,933
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH AND NURSING	2,021,113	2,021,113
<b>C.2.5. Strategy:</b> TX MANUFACTURING ASSISTANCE CENTER Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.	3,750,000	3,750,000
<b>C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 4,073	\$ 4,073
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 14,785,794	\$ 14,785,794
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 21,721,891	\$ 21,721,891
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON</b>	<u>\$ 231,710,908</u>	<u>\$ 231,710,908</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 89,871,486	\$ 89,871,487
Other Personnel Costs	3,620,574	3,620,573
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	100,371,162	100,371,164
Professional Fees and Services	361,003	361,001
Consumable Supplies	287,506	287,506
Utilities	1,680,142	1,680,142
Travel	84,638	84,638
Rent - Building	291	291
Rent - Machine and Other	6,030	6,030
Debt Service	16,734,591	16,734,591
Other Operating Expense	9,878,346	9,878,346
Grants	7,215,846	7,215,846
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,599,293</u>	<u>1,599,293</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 231,710,908</u>	<u>\$ 231,710,908</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 15,990,323	\$ 17,133,501
Group Insurance	17,087,089	18,454,058
Social Security	<u>13,797,811</u>	<u>14,570,488</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 46,875,223</u>	<u>\$ 50,158,047</u>
<b>1. Performance Measure Targets.</b> The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at Arlington. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at Arlington. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at Arlington shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.		
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	55%	55%

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Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	30%	30%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	75%	75%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	60%	60%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	47%	47%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	60%	60%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	27%	27%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	15%	15%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	55%	55%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	90%	90%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	84	85
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8%	8%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,864	5,864
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	21,000	21,000
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	45%	45%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,000	12,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	65%	65%

- 2. Robotics Engineering Research Program Transferability Authority.** The University of Texas at Arlington is hereby authorized to transfer or utilize from funds appropriated above an amount not to exceed \$356,250 to the Robotics Engineering Research Program. However, no funds may be transferred from any specified amount for faculty salaries, general scholarships, or minority scholarships and recruitment.
- 3. Center for Mexican American Studies.** The University of Texas at Arlington may transfer or utilize, from funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$38,318 for the operation of the Center for Mexican American Studies.
- 4. Urban Studies Institute.** All funds collected by the Urban Studies Institute are appropriated to The University of Texas at Arlington for the Urban Studies Institute. It is the intent of the Legislature that services provided by the Institute shall be provided at a reduced cost based upon financial need and the availability of like services.
- 5. University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Arlington in Strategy C.1.1, UT Arlington Research Institute, \$1,220,899 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,220,899 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for The University of Texas at Arlington Research Institute.
- 6. Center for Rural Health and Nursing.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Arlington in Strategy C.2.4, Center for Rural Health and Nursing, \$2,021,113 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,021,113 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Rural Health and Nursing.
- 7. Health Innovation Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to Strategy C.1.2, Health Innovation Institute, \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Health Innovation Institute.
- 8. Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.5, Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center, \$3,750,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,750,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center.
- 9. North Texas Water Institute.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, North Texas Water Institute, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the North Texas Water Institute. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 332,028,554	\$ 310,884,460
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 18,193,781	\$ 18,193,781
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>105,169,465</u>	<u>105,169,465</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 123,363,246	\$ 123,363,246
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 175,000</u>	<u>\$ 175,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 455,566,800</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 434,422,706</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 13.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	5,938.4	5,938.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 257,660,891	\$ 257,660,891
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	4,423,154	4,423,154
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	9,118,970	9,118,970
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	619,142	619,142
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	31,772	31,772
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>13,163,393</u>	<u>13,163,393</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 285,017,322	\$ 285,017,322
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 64,086,251	\$ 64,086,251
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>9,791,444</u>	<u>9,791,444</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 73,877,695	\$ 73,877,695
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS ONRAMPS	\$ 2,879,952	\$ 2,879,952
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE Marine Science Institute - Port Aransas.	\$ 9,429,247	\$ 9,429,247
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE FOR GEOPHYSICS	754,615	754,615
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY	1,405,992	1,405,992
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> MCDONALD OBSERVATORY	3,614,523	3,614,523
<b>C.2.5. Strategy:</b> ADVANCED STUDIES IN ASTRONOMY - HET Center for Advanced Studies in Astronomy - HET(Hobby-Eberly Telescope).	414,719	414,719
<b>C.2.6. Strategy:</b> BEG: PROJECT STARR Bureau of Economic Geology: Project STARR.	4,751,921	4,751,921
<b>C.2.7. Strategy:</b> TEXNET SEISMIC MONITORING	3,597,344	3,597,344
<b>C.2.8. Strategy:</b> ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database.	300,000	UB
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> IRMA RANGEL PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE	\$ 100,089	\$ 100,089
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> VOCES ORAL HISTORY PROJECT	34,931	34,931

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<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> CIVITAS INSTITUTE University Of Texas At Austin Civitas Institute.	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> HEART GALLERIES Center For Societal Impact Heart Galleries.	6,000,000	6,000,000
<b>C.3.5. Strategy:</b> CLEMENTS CENTER	12,075,000	UB
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
<b>C.4.2. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS	<u>477,191</u>	<u>477,191</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 49,010,524	\$ 36,635,524
<b>D. Goal:</b> TRUSTEED FUNDS		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> D K ROYAL TX ALZHEIMER'S INITIATIVE Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative.	\$ 8,769,094	\$ UB
<b>E. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND	<u>\$ 38,892,165</u>	<u>\$ 38,892,165</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN</b>	<u>\$ 455,566,800</u>	<u>\$ 434,422,706</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 61,610,139	\$ 52,325,202
Other Personnel Costs	768,867	814,199
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	220,504,226	220,056,303
Debt Service	9,791,444	9,791,444
Other Operating Expense	149,728,731	138,272,165
Grants	<u>13,163,393</u>	<u>13,163,393</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 455,566,800</u>	<u>\$ 434,422,706</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 33,799,900	\$ 35,357,774
Group Insurance	30,797,330	33,261,116
Social Security	<u>25,345,340</u>	<u>26,764,679</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 89,942,570</u>	<u>\$ 95,383,569</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at Austin. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at Austin. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at Austin shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	88.59%	88.89%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	77.37%	78.39%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	95.44%	95.53%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	78.63%	76.27%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	17.08%	16.72%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	90.56%	92.48%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	20.75%	16.16%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	31.07%	30.31%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Law Graduates	88.69%	87.73%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	80.31%	77.8%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	80.9%	79.19%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Pharmacy Graduates	86.18%	85.52%

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Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	954.58	1,030.21
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.4%	7.2%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,380.43	6,571.85
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	22,739	23,421
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	32.49%	31.52%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	18,164	18,709
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	78.31%	80.66%

**2. University Interscholastic League Financial Reporting.** As part of the financial report required in the Education Code, Section 33.083, the University Interscholastic League (UIL) shall provide the following financial information to the Governor, the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, and the Legislative Budget Board before November 20th each year. The report shall provide the following financial information in the format and order identified below for the preceding two fiscal years:

- a. Total revenues.
- b. Total expenditures.
- c. Excess (Deficit) of revenue over expenditures.
- d. Total fund balance.
- e. Total interest income earned on fund balances belonging to UIL that are deposited with The University of Texas at Austin for the benefit of the league.
- f. Total member school district earnings from event rebates and other sources.
- g. Total UIL earnings from gate receipts, administrative charges, retained excess revenues from UIL managed events and other sources.
- h. Total University of Texas at Austin earnings levied on all UIL expenditures and total expenses incurred by The University of Texas at Austin in providing administrative services for the UIL.

This information shall be reported for all UIL funds, by all budget groups including but not limited to the General Fee, Music, Interscholastic League Press Conference, Athletic/Academic and Corporate budget groups, and individual event/tournament budgets. The UIL shall contract annually with an independent certified public accountant to audit this financial report. In lieu of pursuing a contract for independent audit services and at the discretion of the State Auditor, the State Auditor's Office may conduct the audit. Copies of this report shall be furnished on request to members of the legislature and shall be posted on the UIL's web site.

- 3. Public Policy Clinics.** Out of the funds appropriated above, up to \$100,089 in each year of the biennium shall be used for the Irma Lerma Rangel Public Policy Clinics in the Department of Government. The clinics shall be focused on public policy issues salient to the State of Texas and to be offered as graduate-level seminars to help maximize the partnership with the Tomas Rivera Center, the Center for Migration and Border Studies and other academic institutions. These funds shall be used to pay for the Irma Lerma Rangel Research Fellowships in Law and Public Policy, surveys, and other expenses associated with the clinics.
- 4. Texas OnRamps.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.1.1, Texas OnRamps, \$2,879,952 per fiscal year shall be used for a statewide technology-enhanced dual enrollment and educator professional learning program to improve college readiness, reduce the need for developmental education, and improve student success, built and administered by The University of Texas at Austin. The courses would incorporate college readiness assignments based on the state college and career readiness standards that have been developed and field tested by faculty and instructional support staff from Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin, public junior colleges, and public school districts. The courses use diagnostic assessments and advanced technology to determine students' specific needs, incorporate open-source instructional materials, include professional development institutes and online resources for instructors, and

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incorporate the best available research about how students learn complex material. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

5. **Darrell K Royal Alzheimer's Initiative.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative, are funds trusted to The University of Texas at Austin, and The University of Texas at Austin may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. All amounts, net of cost of administration, shall be allocated at the direction of the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders as provided by Education Code, Section 154.006 to the Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Centers for the research activities of the consortium as part of the Darrell K Royal Texas Alzheimer's Initiative. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
6. **Marine Science Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.2.1, Marine Science Institute, \$9,429,247 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year shall be used for the Marine Science Institute for applied research to support a healthy ecosystem and economy in and along the Texas Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico, including fish physiology and ecology, ecosystem dynamics and biogeochemistry. Special considerations shall be given to multidisciplinary applied research opportunities leveraging partnerships and resources across UT Austin in areas such as: robotics, artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science, marine geosciences, policy, and business to solve scientific, technological, policy and economic challenges facing the region to preserve thriving Texas coastal communities. Using appropriated funds, the Marine Science Institute shall solicit feedback from the local community, including the City of Port Aransas, when establishing pertinent applied research themes and outreach activities. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
7. **College of Fine Arts.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.4.2, College of Fine Arts, \$477,191 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$477,191 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is for a program to increase arts access and to modernize curriculum and teaching effectiveness in the Fine Arts, especially for schools and communities underperforming in arts education, through the UTeach Fine Arts Initiative, including the initiatives developed by the College of Fine Arts at the University of Texas in partnership with the Texas Cultural Trust. The program shall include training and placement of well-prepared and well-supported Fine Arts instructors into underserved or low-performing schools, promoting arts integration methods into core subject matter for classroom teachers, and encouragement of college and career preparedness.
8. **Civitas Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Austin in Strategy C.3.3, Civitas Institute, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Institute. Included in amounts appropriated above are any unexpended balances (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2025, in appropriations made in Strategy C.3.3. and re-appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Additionally, any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
9. **TexNet Seismic Monitoring.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.7, TexNet Seismic Monitoring, \$3,597,344 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,597,344 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the TexNet Seismic Monitoring Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
10. **Center for Societal Impact - Heart Galleries.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.4, Heart Galleries, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Heart Galleries program in the Center for Societal Impact. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
11. **Clements Center.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.5, Clements Center to The University of Texas at Austin, is \$12,075,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to support the Clements Center for the cost of programming staff, faculty, and joint conference benefiting the Texas Military Department. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.



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**12. Texas Archeological Research Laboratory Database.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.8, Archeological Research Laboratory, \$300,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to modernize the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory’s database. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for modernizing the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory database at The University of Texas at Austin, and that such appropriation may be used for such improvements.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 143,605,451	\$ 143,605,451
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 7,877,265	\$ 7,877,266
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>70,759,607</u>	<u>70,759,607</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 78,636,872</u>	<u>\$ 78,636,873</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,323</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,324</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 27% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,437.9	1,437.9
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 133,779,915	\$ 133,779,916
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,360,731	1,360,731
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	6,643,217	6,643,217
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	91,800	91,800
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	91,800	91,800
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	5,469,060	5,469,060
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	<u>9,585,458</u>	<u>9,585,458</u>

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 157,021,981	\$ 157,021,982
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 19,465,704	\$ 19,465,704
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>13,326,341</u>	<u>13,326,341</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 32,792,045	\$ 32,792,045
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective:** RESEARCH

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR APPLIED BIOLOGY	\$ 189,002	\$ 189,002
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> NANOTECHNOLOGY	108,314	108,314

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<b>C.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC BRIDGE PROGRAM	\$ 663,415	\$ 663,415
Intensive Summer Academic Bridge Program.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> MIDDLE SCHOOL BRAIN YEARS	<u>1,490,302</u>	<u>1,490,302</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 2,451,033	\$ 2,451,033
<b>D. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 29,933,218	\$ 29,933,218
<b>E. Goal:</b> TRUSTEED FUNDS		
Trusteed Funds for African American Museum Internship Program.		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM INTERNSHIP	<u>\$ 44,046</u>	<u>\$ 44,046</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS</b>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,323</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,324</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 66,394,459	\$ 71,699,648
Other Personnel Costs	1,178,015	3,021,359
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	99,257,894	95,190,360
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	17,243	0
Professional Fees and Services	183,502	0
Consumable Supplies	116,322	5,795,038
Utilities	104,669	0
Travel	14,131	1,900
Rent - Building	224,886	0
Rent - Machine and Other	88,891	0
Debt Service	13,326,341	13,326,341
Other Operating Expense	24,882,644	21,356,439
Client Services	14,869,826	11,851,239
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,583,500</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,323</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 222,242,324</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 16,886,978	\$ 18,015,846
Group Insurance	14,692,864	15,868,291
Social Security	<u>13,667,685</u>	<u>14,433,075</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 45,247,527</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 48,317,212</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at Dallas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at Dallas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at Dallas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	76.18%	76.68%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	64.72%	65.22%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	89.63%	90.13%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	99%	99%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	20.58%	20.58%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	74.35%	75.46%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	25.64%	26.02%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	29%	31%

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Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	95.32	95.32
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	6.89%	6.89%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	7,500	7,725
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	23,756	23,875
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	33%	33%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	14,805	15,101
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	80%	80%
 <b>2. African American Museum Internship.</b> Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.1, African American Museum Internship, are for the purpose of supporting an internship at the African American Museum in Dallas. Amounts appropriated in this strategy are funds trusted to The University of Texas at Dallas, and The University of Texas at Dallas may not transfer the amount appropriated to other purposes. The University of Texas at Dallas may require periodic submission of data and reports as they consider necessary to assess the overall performance of the museum internship program. By September 1 of each year, the museum shall report data to The University of Texas at Dallas as required to assess the overall performance of the internship program. The University of Texas at Dallas is required to report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office concerning the effectiveness of the program by October 1, 2026.		

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 126,548,912	\$ 126,548,912
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 3,992,361	\$ 3,992,361
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>26,557,496</u>	<u>26,557,496</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 30,549,857	\$ 30,549,857
<u>Other Funds</u>		
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 132	\$ 132
Permanent Endowment Fund Account No. 817, UT El Paso, estimated	<u>1,912,500</u>	<u>1,912,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 1,912,632</u>	<u>\$ 1,912,632</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 25.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,608.9	1,608.9
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<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 76,836,514	\$ 76,836,514
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	1,686,616	1,686,616
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	3,952,347	3,952,347
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	166,347	166,347
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	2,409	2,409
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>4,067,044</u>	<u>4,067,044</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 86,711,277	\$ 86,711,277

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO**  
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 16,313,229	\$ 16,313,229
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>17,277,141</u>	<u>17,277,141</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 33,590,370</b>	<b>\$ 33,590,370</b>
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> EL PASO CENTENNIAL MUSEUM	\$ 50,934	\$ 50,934
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> LAW SCHOOL PREPARTATION INSTITUTE Law School Preparation Institute (LSPI).	186,110	186,110
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL OF PHARMACY	3,084,512	3,084,512
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> MINING ENGINEERING PROGRAM	10,000,000	10,000,000

**C.2. Objective: RESEARCH**

<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> BORDER STUDIES INSTITUTE Inter-American and Border Studies Institute.	\$ 36,689	\$ 36,689
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Center for Environmental Resource Management.	97,827	97,827
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> BORDER HEALTH RESEARCH	130,278	130,278
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> MANUFACTURE/MATERIALS MANAGEMENT Institute for Manufacturing and Materials Management.	23,064	23,064

**C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE**

<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> RURAL NURSING HEALTH CARE Rural Nursing Health Care Services.	\$ 26,854	\$ 26,854
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> ECONOMIC/ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT Texas Centers for Economic and Enterprise Development.	126,100	126,100
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE Collaborative for Academic Excellence.	48,914	48,914
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> BORDER COMMUNITY HEALTH Border Community Health Education Institute.	120,971	120,971
<b>C.3.5. Strategy:</b> US-MEXICO IMMIGRATION HISTORY CTR United States - Mexico Immigration History Center.	18,612	18,612

**C.4. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 132</u>	<u>\$ 132</u>
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<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 13,950,997</b>	<b>\$ 13,950,997</b>
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**D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 22,846,257	\$ 22,846,257
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**E. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS**

<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UTEP Tobacco Earnings for The University of Texas at El Paso.	<u>\$ 1,912,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,912,500</u>
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**Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL  
PASO**

<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 47,380,900	\$ 46,139,305
Other Personnel Costs	4,121,103	4,121,103
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	72,866,827	74,414,091
Debt Service	17,277,141	17,277,141
Other Operating Expense	13,298,386	12,992,717
Grants	<u>4,067,044</u>	<u>4,067,044</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 159,011,401</u></u>
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 11,049,014	\$ 11,857,758
Group Insurance	17,524,374	18,926,323
Social Security	<u>9,197,673</u>	<u>9,712,743</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	<u>\$ 37,771,061</u>	<u>\$ 40,496,824</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at El Paso. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at El Paso. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at El Paso shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	47%	48%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	23.5%	23.5%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	78%	78%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	97%	97%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	51%	51%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	58.3%	58.3%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	20%	20%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	26%	26%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	38%	38%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	90%	93%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	98.67	99.65
State Licensure Pass Rate Of Pharmacy Graduates	90%	90%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.7%	8.7%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,519	4,564
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	18,007	18,187
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	40.9%	41.3%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	10,829	10,938
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	79.2%	80%

2. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.**

- a. Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas at El Paso.
- b. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- c. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas at El Paso, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

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- 3. Pharmacy Extension.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at El Paso in Strategy C.1.3, Pharmacy Extension, \$3,084,512 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,084,512 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Pharmacy Extension.
- 4. Mining Engineering Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Mining Engineering Program, \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the development of a Mining Engineering Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 117,630,812	\$ 117,630,812
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 4,152,993	\$ 4,152,993
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>34,447,664</u>	<u>34,447,664</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 38,600,657</u>	<u>\$ 38,600,657</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 156,231,469</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 156,231,469</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,802.9	1,802.9
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 96,138,870	\$ 96,138,870
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	2,153,470	2,153,470
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	4,940,088	4,940,088
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	118,970	118,970
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	5,445,771	5,445,771
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>4,326,697</u>	<u>4,326,697</u>

Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 113,123,866	\$ 113,123,866
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 15,927,761	\$ 15,927,761
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	14,788,278	14,788,278
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> LEASE OF FACILITIES	<u>1,227,017</u>	<u>1,227,017</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 31,943,056	\$ 31,943,056
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PROF DEVELOPMENT/DISTANCE LEARNING	\$ 74,429	\$ 74,429
Professional Development/Distance Learning.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> STARR COUNTY UPPER LEVEL CENTER	172,615	172,615

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
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C.1.3. Strategy: REGIONAL WORKFORCE & TEACHING SITE	236,438	236,438
Regional Workforce and Teaching Site.		
C.1.4. Strategy: ACADEMY OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE	328,387	328,387
C.1.5. Strategy: SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY	5,000,000	5,000,000
C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE		
C.2.1. Strategy: CENTER FOR MANUFACTURING	\$ 142,389	\$ 142,389
C.2.2. Strategy: UT SYSTEM K-12 COLLABORATION UT System K-12 Collaboration Initiative.	30,651	30,651
C.2.3. Strategy: K-16 COLLABORATION	102,364	102,364
C.2.4. Strategy: DIABETES REGISTRY	75,157	75,157
C.2.5. Strategy: TEXAS/MEXICO BORDER HEALTH	104,201	104,201
C.2.6. Strategy: REGIONAL ADVANCED TOOLING CENTER	328,386	328,386
C.2.7. Strategy: BORDER ECON/ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT	692,651	692,651
Border Economic and Enterprise Development.		
C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.3.1. Strategy: FIRST YEAR UNIVERSITY SUCCESS First Year University Success Initiatives.	\$ 148,859	\$ 148,859
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 7,436,527	\$ 7,436,527
D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS		
D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 3,728,020	\$ 3,728,020
Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY	\$ 156,231,469	\$ 156,231,469
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 35,250,343	\$ 44,217,970
Other Personnel Costs	1,193,934	1,424,841
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	88,360,983	80,312,836
Consumable Supplies	529	526
Travel	20,161	18,500
Rent - Building	1,229,731	1,227,017
Rent - Machine and Other	1,021	1,602
Debt Service	14,788,278	14,788,278
Other Operating Expense	7,112,331	6,965,741
Client Services	328,387	328,387
Grants	5,445,771	5,445,771
Capital Expenditures	2,500,000	1,500,000
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 156,231,469	\$ 156,231,469
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 11,025,876	\$ 11,882,645
Group Insurance	17,581,851	18,988,399
Social Security	10,172,228	10,741,873
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 38,779,955	\$ 41,612,917
1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.		
	2026	2027
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	34.6%	35%

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Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	79.5%	80%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	71.3%	82.4%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	53%	52%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	22%	22%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	40%	50%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	95%	96%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	18.27	21.27
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	6.46%	6.48%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,986	5,018
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	15,100	15,100
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	38.5%	38.5%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	11,000	11,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	90%	90%

- 2. Regional Advanced Tooling Center.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Strategy C.2.6, Regional Advanced Tooling Center, \$328,386 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$328,386 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Regional Advanced Tooling Center.
- 3. School of Optometry.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, School of Optometry, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the School of Optometry. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PERMIAN BASIN

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 37,115,509	\$ 37,115,509
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 6,296,493	\$ 6,296,493
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 43,412,002</u>	<u>\$ 43,412,002</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 41.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	276.2	276.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 12,454,896	\$ 12,454,896
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	356,166	356,166
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	543,211	543,211
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	19,851	19,851
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	910,562	910,562
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: CRU FUNDING</b>	<u>782,843</u>	<u>782,843</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 15,067,529	\$ 15,067,529



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PERMIAN BASIN  
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B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Provide Infrastructure Support.		
B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$	2,216,221
Educational and General Space Support.		
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS		16,102,678
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT		1,168,584
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$	19,487,483

C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT

Provide Non-formula Support.		
C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.1.1. Strategy: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	\$	112,786
C.1.2. Strategy: INSTRUCTION ENHANCEMENT		2,030,159
C.1.3. Strategy: COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING		1,188,572
C.1.4. Strategy: SCHOOL OF NURSING		683,842
C.1.5. Strategy: RURAL DIGITAL UNIVERSITY		890,420
C.1.6. Strategy: HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE EDUCATION		3,000,000
C.2. Objective: RESEARCH		
C.2.1. Strategy: CENTER FOR ENERGY	\$	118,246
C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE		
C.3.1. Strategy: PUBLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE	\$	315,323
John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute.		
C.3.2. Strategy: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT		
CENTER		96,199
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$	8,435,547

D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS

D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$	421,443
Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PERMIAN		
BASIN	\$	43,412,002

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	14,241,643
Other Personnel Costs		854,064
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)		9,232,759
Debt Service		16,102,678
Other Operating Expense		2,070,296
Grants		910,562
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	43,412,002

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$	2,391,697
Group Insurance		2,953,858
Social Security		2,242,581

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$	7,588,136
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Permian Basin. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Permian Basin. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Permian Basin shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	50.77%	51.84%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	28.36%	28.82%

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Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	64.73%	64.6%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	90%	90%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	10.38%	17.82%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	87.84%	92.3%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	70.29%	75.9%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	25.57%	23.84%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	90%	90%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	92%	95%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	4.8	5.3
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	14.41%	14.41%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,618	4,618
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	11,230	9,916
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	41%	42%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	16,616	18,283
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	97%	97%

2. **Definition of Allowable Expenses for Public Leadership Institute.** Appropriated funds for the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute may be used to pay for costs associated with the Institute's education programs for public secondary and university-level students. Allowable costs include, but are not limited to, registration fees, group or air transportation, lodging, meals, training costs, and related expenses.
3. **School of Nursing.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.4, School of Nursing, \$683,842 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$683,842 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the School of Nursing.
4. **Rural Digital University.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.5, Rural Digital University, \$890,420 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$890,420 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Rural Digital University.
5. **College of Engineering.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Permian Basin in Strategy C.1.3, College of Engineering, \$1,188,572 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used for the College of Engineering.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 150,518,950	\$ 150,518,950
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 4,061,429	\$ 4,061,429
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>45,123,003</u>	<u>45,123,003</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 49,184,432	\$ 49,184,432
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 44</u>	<u>\$ 44</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 199,703,426</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 199,703,426</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 27.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

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<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	2,085.1	2,085.1
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 111,871,860	\$ 111,871,860
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,866,504	1,866,504
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	4,731,609	4,731,609
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	123,665	123,664
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	226	227
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>5,934,446</u>	<u>5,934,446</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 124,528,310	\$ 124,528,310
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 22,087,624	\$ 22,087,624
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>21,210,141</u>	<u>21,210,141</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 43,297,765	\$ 43,297,765
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PRE-ENGINEERING PROGRAM	\$ 285,729	\$ 285,729
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> FOSTER CARE PROGRAM	1,750,000	1,750,000
<b>C.2. Objective: RESEARCH</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SA-LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE (SALSI)	\$ 2,319,142	\$ 2,319,142
<b>C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 2,541,909	\$ 2,541,909
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE OF TEXAN CULTURES	1,001,612	1,001,612
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> TEXAS SOUTH-WEST SBDC NETWORK	813,414	813,414
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> CYBERSECURE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>C.4. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS DEMOGRAPHIC CENTER	\$ 334,816	\$ 334,816
<b>C.4.2. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 11,546,666	\$ 11,546,666
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT	<u>\$ 20,330,685</u>	<u>\$ 20,330,685</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO</b>	<u>\$ 199,703,426</u>	<u>\$ 199,703,426</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 62,293,409	\$ 62,720,507
Other Personnel Costs	31,281,738	32,583,913
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	65,279,587	70,320,185
Utilities	279,010	130,759
Debt Service	21,210,141	21,210,141
Other Operating Expense	13,425,095	6,803,475
Grants	<u>5,934,446</u>	<u>5,934,446</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 199,703,426</u>	<u>\$ 199,703,426</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 15,146,188	\$ 16,311,926
Group Insurance	16,083,505	17,370,185

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Social Security	<u>12,658,026</u>	<u>13,366,875</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 43,887,719</u>	<u>\$ 47,048,986</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at San Antonio. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at San Antonio. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at San Antonio shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	54.1%	54.6%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	32.6%	33%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	80.8%	81.2%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	65%	70%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	44.9%	45.3%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	68.7%	69.1%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	33.7%	34%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	17.9%	18%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	70%	70.5%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	74,052,000	75,533,040
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.85%	7.85%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,019	6,079
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	21,448	21,305
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	54%	53%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	11,483	11,731
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	64%	65%

2. **Institute of Texan Cultures.** Out of the funds appropriated above, it is the intent of the Legislature that The University of Texas at San Antonio spend up to \$1,001,612 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,001,612 in fiscal year 2027 for the Institute of Texan Cultures.
3. **Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: San Antonio Life Sciences Institute.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy C.2.1, San Antonio Life Sciences Institute, are appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
4. **Foster Care Pilot Program Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy C.1.2, Foster Care Pilot Program, are appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
5. **Cybersecure Advanced Manufacturing.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at San Antonio in Strategy C.3.4, Cybersecure Advanced Manufacturing, \$2,500,000 is from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Cybersecure Advanced Manufacturing.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 47,738,008	\$ 47,738,008
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 10,523,866	\$ 10,523,866
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 31.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	446.1	446.1
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 31,276,548	\$ 31,276,548
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	721,648	721,648
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,391,592	1,391,592
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	42,752	42,752
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,806,406	1,806,406
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,336,180</u>	<u>1,336,180</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 36,575,126	\$ 36,575,126
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 4,690,244	\$ 4,690,244
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>13,725,078</u>	<u>13,725,078</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 18,415,322	\$ 18,415,322
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PALESTINE CAMPUS	\$ 129,492	\$ 129,492
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> LONGVIEW CAMPUS	348,094	348,094
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> CRITICAL CARE NURSING	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 2,977,586	\$ 2,977,586
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 293,840</u>	<u>\$ 293,840</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER</b>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,065,004	\$ 14,786,617
Other Personnel Costs	2,660,767	3,008,385
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	23,371,345	24,350,498
Debt Service	13,725,078	13,725,078
Other Operating Expense	1,633,274	584,890
Grants	<u>1,806,406</u>	<u>1,806,406</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>	<u>\$ 58,261,874</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,092,686	\$ 3,345,096
Group Insurance	5,224,986	5,642,985

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Social Security	2,954,738	3,120,203
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 11,272,410</b>	<b>\$ 12,108,284</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at Tyler. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at Tyler. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at Tyler shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	49%	50%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	40.7%	41.7%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	74.3%	74.8%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	91.4%	91.4%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	54.2%	54.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	72.2%	72.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	39.7%	40.2%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track faculty	35.2%	34.7%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	31.6%	32.1%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	95.2%	95.3%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	2.3	2.3
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.45%	8.45%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,818	4,914
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	19,100	19,100
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	40%	40%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,500	12,500
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	84%	85%

**2. Palestine Campus.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas at Tyler in Strategy C.1.1, Palestine Campus, \$129,492 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$129,492 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Palestine Campus.

**3. Critical Care Nurse Training Program.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Texas at Tyler in Strategy C.1.3, Critical Care Nursing, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Critical Care Nurse Training Program at UT Tyler.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 40,747,910	\$ 40,747,910
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 619,122	\$ 619,122

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>12,275,188</u>	<u>12,275,188</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 12,894,310	\$ 12,894,310
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 53,655,220</u>	<u>\$ 53,655,220</u>
This bill pattern represents an estimated 25.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	552.8	552.8
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 28,128,205	\$ 28,128,205
A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,236,672	1,236,672
A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,320,255	2,320,255
A.1.4. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,850,470	1,850,470
A.1.5. Strategy: ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	819,081	819,081
A.1.6. Strategy: CRU FUNDING	<u>1,744,138</u>	<u>1,744,138</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 36,098,821	\$ 36,098,821
B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 5,815,892	\$ 5,815,892
Educational and General Space Support.		
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>9,197,225</u>	<u>9,197,225</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 15,013,117	\$ 15,013,117
C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.1.1. Strategy: RURAL NURSING INITIATIVE	\$ 270,370	\$ 270,370
C.2. Objective: RESEARCH		
C.2.1. Strategy: APPLIED FORESTRY STUDIES CENTER	\$ 377,523	\$ 377,523
Center for Applied Studies in Forestry.		
C.2.2. Strategy: APPLIED RESEARCH & RURAL INNOVATION	1,000,000	1,000,000
Center for Applied Research and Rural Innovation.		
C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE		
C.3.1. Strategy: STONE FORT MUSEUM & RESEARCH CENTER	\$ 71,959	\$ 71,959
Stone Fort Museum and Research Center of East Texas.		
C.3.2. Strategy: SOIL PLANT & WATER ANALYSIS LAB	41,048	41,048
Soil Plant and Water Analysis Laboratory.		
C.3.3. Strategy: APPLIED POULTRY STUDIES & RESEARCH	38,714	38,714
Applied Poultry Studies and Research.		
C.3.4. Strategy: CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP	500,000	500,000
C.4. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.4.1. Strategy: LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 13,000</u>	<u>\$ 13,000</u>
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 2,312,614	\$ 2,312,614
D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS		
D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 230,668</u>	<u>\$ 230,668</u>
Grand Total, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY	<u>\$ 53,655,220</u>	<u>\$ 53,655,220</u>

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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 12,561,189	\$ 13,558,303
Other Personnel Costs	2,841,301	2,812,356
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	25,884,645	24,972,916
Professional Fees and Services	12,500	13,000
Consumable Supplies	13,993	14,000
Rent - Machine and Other	23,337	16,269
Debt Service	9,197,225	9,197,225
Other Operating Expense	1,156,799	1,106,920
Grants	1,850,470	1,850,470
Capital Expenditures	113,761	113,761

### Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing

\$	53,655,220	\$	53,655,220
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

## Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	5,026,441	\$	5,386,897
Group Insurance		6,208,056		6,704,446
Social Security		4,174,011		4,407,755

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	15,408,508	\$	16,499,098
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Stephen F. Austin State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Stephen F. Austin State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Stephen F. Austin State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	45.5%	46%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	33%	34%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	78.9%	78.9%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	95%	95%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	44%	45%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	70%	70%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	32%	33%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	46%	46%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	95%	95%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	3.5	3.6
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	12.5%	12.5%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,564	5,564
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	21,000	21,000
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	56%	56%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	14,200	14,200
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	88%	88%

**2. Center for Applied Research and Rural Innovation.** Out of funds appropriated to Stephen F. Austin State University in Strategy C.2.2, Center for Applied Research and Rural Innovation, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Applied Research and Rural Innovation program.



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3. **Center for Entrepreneurship.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.3.4, Center for Entrepreneurship, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Entrepreneurship.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL OFFICES

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,517,551	\$ 5,517,555
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 5,517,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,517,555</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 11.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	117.8	117.8
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	\$ 3,786,025	\$ 3,786,029
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>B.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 731,526	\$ 731,526
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> TARGETED COLLEGE VISIT PROGRAM	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Low-Enrollment Population Recruitment and Retention.		
<b>Total, Goal B: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 1,731,526</u>	<u>\$ 1,731,526</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL OFFICES</b>	<u>\$ 5,517,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,517,555</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Debt Service	\$ 3,786,025	\$ 3,786,029
Other Operating Expense	1,000,000	1,000,000
Grants	<u>731,526</u>	<u>731,526</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 5,517,551</u>	<u>\$ 5,517,555</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 36,881	\$ 41,062
Group Insurance	294	318
Social Security	<u>35,564</u>	<u>37,556</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 72,739</u>	<u>\$ 78,936</u>

1. **Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$325,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE AND GENERAL OFFICES  
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A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

**2. Low-Enrollment Population Recruitment and Retention.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Targeted College Visit Program, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Targeted College Visit Pilot Program within the Texas A&M University System at the main campus, Prairie View A&M University, and other regional campuses. Texas A&M University System shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than October 1 of each even fiscal year on the activities of the program, including information on number of campus visits and number of students matriculated. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 381,976,094	\$ 381,975,369
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 10,856,257	\$ 10,856,257
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>137,217,629</u>	<u>137,217,631</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 148,073,886	\$ 148,073,888
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 165,000</u>	<u>\$ 165,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 530,214,980</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 530,214,257</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 25.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	5,097.4	5,097.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 334,960,241	\$ 334,960,243
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	4,992,528	4,992,528
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	14,885,081	14,885,081
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	1,316,377	1,316,376
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	12,765,607	12,765,607
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>32,313,284</u>	<u>32,313,284</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 401,233,118	\$ 401,233,119
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 49,820,192	\$ 49,820,192
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	<u>13,160,166</u>	<u>13,159,442</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 62,980,358	\$ 62,979,634
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: VIRTUAL PRODUCTION INSTITUTE</b>	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000

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<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> HOLLINGSWORTH CENTER	617,500	617,500
Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership.		
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> VETERINARY EMERGENCY TEAM	2,500,000	2,500,000
Veterinary Emergency Response Team.		
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> CORPS OF CADETS UNIFORMS	3,000,000	3,000,000
Corps of Cadets Uniform Allowance.		
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CYCLOTRON INSTITUTE	\$ 247,298	\$ 247,298
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> SEA GRANT PROGRAM	162,267	162,267
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> ENERGY RESOURCES PROGRAM	248,928	248,928
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> COLONIAS PROGRAM	\$ 338,483	\$ 338,483
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 19,779,476	\$ 19,779,476
<b>D. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS RESEARCH UNIVERSITY FUND	\$ 46,222,028	\$ 46,222,028
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</b>	<u>\$ 530,214,980</u>	<u>\$ 530,214,257</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 172,757,097	\$ 173,860,865
Other Personnel Costs	42,074,965	41,728,001
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	232,379,263	233,718,147
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	4,190,782	4,698,282
Professional Fees and Services	1,133,512	871,735
Fuels and Lubricants	28,267	4,679
Consumable Supplies	1	0
Utilities	458,750	358,935
Travel	271,000	250,000
Rent - Building	1,217,834	1,246,949
Rent - Machine and Other	93,628	16,053
Debt Service	13,160,166	13,159,442
Other Operating Expense	49,372,621	47,393,585
Client Services	311,487	141,977
Grants	<u>12,765,607</u>	<u>12,765,607</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 530,214,980</u>	<u>\$ 530,214,257</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 36,585,154	\$ 39,096,174
Group Insurance	50,501,308	54,541,412
Social Security	<u>34,406,867</u>	<u>36,333,652</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 121,493,329</u>	<u>\$ 129,971,238</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	84.9%	85.7%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	62.5%	63.1%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	94.6%	94.7%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	93.3%	93.4%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	23.6%	23.8%

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Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	89.8%	90.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	21.3%	21.5%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	24.3%	24.5%
State Licensure Pass Rate Law Graduates	89%	89.9%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	84%	84.8%
State Licensure Examination Pass Rate of Veterinary Medicine Graduates	100%	100%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	245.8	248.4
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	5.4%	5.4%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,646	6,646
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	25,946	26,046
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	38%	38.5%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	14,900	15,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	74.5%	74.6%

**2. Virtual Production Institute.** Out of funds appropriated above to Texas A&M University in Strategy C.1.1, Virtual Production Institute, \$12,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$12,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Virtual Production Institute. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027.

**3. Construction of Facilities Adjacent to the Johnson Space Center Unexpended Balances.** All unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$88,000,000), from the appropriations authorized by House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 18.28, 88th Legislature, Regular Session from the general revenue fund to Texas A&M University for the construction of facilities adjacent to the Johnson Space Center are hereby appropriated to the university for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Article 7, Section 18(i), Texas Constitution, the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the facilities adjacent to the Johnson Space Center.

**4. Hollingsworth Center for Ethical Leadership.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Hollingsworth Center, \$617,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$617,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support program development, curricular alignment and faculty hires to support the mission of developing well educated citizens of character. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**5. Veterinary Emergency Response Team.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Veterinary Emergency Team, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support veterinary disaster response and emergency planning. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**6. Corps of Cadets Uniform Allowance.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Corps of Cadets Uniforms, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal Year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to offset uniform usage fees for drill and ceremony cadets to remain in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 27,898,147	\$ 27,898,394
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 143,155	\$ 143,155
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	3,855,083	3,855,082
Oyster Sales Account No. 5022	<u>95,000</u>	<u>95,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 4,093,238	\$ 4,093,237
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 32,011,385</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,011,631</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 37.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	147.3	147.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 10,420,747	\$ 10,420,747
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	114,857	114,857
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	367,270	367,270
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	57,129	57,129
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	616	616
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	401,819	401,819
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>389,935</u>	<u>389,935</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 11,752,373	\$ 11,752,373
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 4,115,684	\$ 4,115,683
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	10,458,402	10,458,649
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 15,890,653	\$ 15,890,899
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> COASTAL ZONE LABORATORY	\$ 10,866	\$ 10,866
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY	317,878	317,878
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> DISASTER RESILIENT TEXAS Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 3,848,744	\$ 3,848,744
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 519,615</u>	<u>\$ 519,615</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON</b>	<u><u>\$ 32,011,385</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,011,631</u></u>

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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,050,606	\$ 7,605,444
Other Personnel Costs	25,275	26,940
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	7,050,399	7,434,293
Professional Fees and Services	520	524
Fuels and Lubricants	901	2,478
Consumable Supplies	14,217	18,120
Utilities	0	3,280
Travel	279	281
Rent - Machine and Other	365	369
Debt Service	10,458,402	10,458,649
Other Operating Expense	5,899,693	5,869,444
Client Services	108,909	189,990
Grants	401,819	401,819

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing \$ 32,011,385 \$ 32,011,631

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 1,313,375	\$ 1,432,736
Group Insurance	2,198,986	2,374,904
Social Security	1,264,849	1,335,681

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act

\$ 4,777,210 \$ 5,143,321

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University at Galveston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University at Galveston. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University at Galveston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	45%	45%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	32%	32%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	52%	52%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	30%	30%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	65%	65%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	16%	16%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	16%	16%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	7.7	8.1
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	9.13%	9.13%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,450	6,450
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	35,500	35,500
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	54%	54%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	18,400	18,400
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	73%	73%

2. **Training Vessel.** No funds appropriated to Texas A&M University at Galveston may be expended for purchase of a training vessel.

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- 3. Oyster Sales Account Funds.** If funds are not available in the amount appropriated from General Revenue-Dedicated Oyster Sales Account No. 5022 in this Act, the amounts identified for transfer to Texas A&M University at Galveston shall be reduced by the amount that funds are less than appropriations and an equal amount of General Revenue Funds is appropriated to Texas A&M University at Galveston.
- 4. Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University at Galveston in Strategy C.2.1, Disaster Resilient Texas, \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Institute for a Disaster Resilient Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 52,121,190	\$ 52,121,165
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 460,116	\$ 460,116
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	20,281,147	20,281,147
Center for Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency Account No. 5029	<u>3,193,217</u>	<u>1,293,217</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 23,934,480</u>	<u>\$ 22,034,480</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 76,055,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,155,645</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 31.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	733.9	733.9
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 25,959,058	\$ 25,959,058
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	866,543	866,543
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	2,197,104	2,197,104
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	107,236	107,236
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	32,745	32,745
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	1,918,143	1,918,143
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: CRU FUNDING</b>	<u>1,445,695</u>	<u>1,445,695</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 32,526,524	\$ 32,526,524
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 7,309,830	\$ 7,309,830
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	<u>6,208,830</u>	<u>6,208,805</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 13,518,660	\$ 13,518,635
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: STUDENT NURSE STIPENDS</b>	\$ 72,046	\$ 72,046

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<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> HONORS PROGRAM	25,658	25,658
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> AGRICULTURE MATCH	\$ 9,527,204	\$ 9,527,204
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION CENTER	\$ 3,193,217	\$ 1,293,217
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	126,084	126,084
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> PVAMU WELLNESS IN HOUSTON Prairie View A&M University Wellness in Houston.	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> UNIVERSITY REALIGNMENT	\$ 31,606	\$ 31,606
<b>C.4.2. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS	<u>166,250</u>	<u>166,250</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 16,142,065	\$ 14,242,065
<b>D. Goal:</b> ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE	\$ 11,875,000	\$ 11,875,000
<b>E. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 1,993,421</u>	<u>\$ 1,993,421</u>
<b>Grand Total, PRAIRIE VIEW A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 76,055,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,155,645</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 16,965,557	\$ 18,026,439
Other Personnel Costs	3,417,827	3,501,320
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	26,870,044	27,573,452
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,323,791	2,718,035
Professional Salaries - Extension (Texas AgriLife Extension Svc)	3,369,638	2,600,000
Professional Fees and Services	324,921	6,751
Fuels and Lubricants	1,452	0
Consumable Supplies	209,618	0
Utilities	46,132	4,934,425
Travel	161,020	38,819
Rent - Building	135,909	0
Rent - Machine and Other	836,312	0
Debt Service	6,208,830	6,208,805
Other Operating Expense	12,583,295	3,973,269
Client Services	1,676,907	2,656,187
Grants	1,918,143	1,918,143
Capital Expenditures	<u>6,274</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 76,055,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 74,155,645</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 4,736,551	\$ 5,142,289
Group Insurance	7,935,395	8,570,226
Social Security	<u>4,521,429</u>	<u>4,774,629</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 17,193,375</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,487,144</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Prairie View A&M University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Prairie View A&M University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Prairie View A&M University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	42%	42%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	19%	19%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	73%	73%



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Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	48.9%	48.9%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	30%	30%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	61.32%	61.32%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	17.12%	17.12%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	32.66%	32.66%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	18.2%	18.2%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	97.1%	97.1%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	9.6	9.6
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	9.9%	9.9%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,647.61	5,647.61
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	37,850	37,850
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	87.15%	87.15%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	9,987	9,987
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	84%	84%

- 2. Establishment of America's Promise School.** Out of the funds appropriated above, Prairie View A&M University will jointly operate an America's Promise School with Waller Independent School District. The school will be a full service pre-kindergarten through fourth grade community-centered elementary school based around the America's Promise concept, which includes the following five promises: (1) an ongoing relationship with a caring adult/mentor; (2) safe places and structured activities before and after school; (3) a healthy start, including nutritional and health-related services; (4) students developing marketable skills through effective education; and (5) opportunities for the students to serve and give back to the community.
- 3. Academic Development Initiative.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Academic Development Initiative, in the amount of \$11,875,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,875,000 in fiscal year 2027, are to be used for: (1) proven academic success programs such as Access, the University College, and the Undergraduate Medical Academy, (2) proven graduate programs, (3) undergraduate education, and (4) initiatives to target enrollment growth. Prairie View A&M University and Texas A&M University System shall jointly create and submit an accountability report outlining use of these funds to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor. This accountability report shall set forth goals to be achieved with the Academic Development Initiative funding, establish milestones and timelines showing progress toward meeting the goals. For milestones that are not met, the report will include recommended actions to achieve the milestones or recommended changes to more efficiently meet the goals of the Academic Development Initiative. The report shall be due with the submission of the Legislative Appropriations Request in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and which documents the year the funding was established, the mission of programs funded with the appropriation, major accomplishments achieved, future goals, and the impact on programs should funding be discontinued. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) appropriated by the Legislature for the Academic Development Initiative, are appropriated to Prairie View A&M University for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 4. Juvenile Crime Prevention Center.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.1, Juvenile Crime Prevention Center are estimated unexpended balances (estimated to be \$0) from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, in the Center for Study and Prevention of Juvenile Crime and Delinquency Account (GR Dedicated Fund 5029), in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000, and which are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any appropriated unexpended balances in Fund 5029 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 5. Healthy Houston.** Out of funds appropriated to Prairie View A&M University in Strategy C.3.3, PVAMU Wellness in Houston, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the PVAMU Wellness in Houston program.

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- 6. Office of International Affairs.** Out of funds appropriated above to Prairie View A&M University in Strategy C.4.2, Office of International Affairs, \$166,250 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$166,250 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Office of International Affairs at Prairie View A&M University.
- 7. Agriculture Match.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.2.1, Agriculture Match, \$9,527,204 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,527,204 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to match federal funding for the Cooperative Ag Research and Extension Services.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 63,152,397	\$ 63,150,414
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,835,293	\$ 1,835,293
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>18,205,444</u>	<u>18,205,444</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 20,040,737</u>	<u>\$ 20,040,737</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 83,193,134</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 83,191,151</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 27.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	734.1	734.1
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 44,423,267	\$ 44,423,267
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,210,052	1,210,052
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,026,114	2,026,114
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	69,095	69,095
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	12,792	12,792
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	2,653,114	2,653,114
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	429,635	429,635
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>2,045,783</u>	<u>2,045,783</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 52,869,852	\$ 52,869,852
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 6,954,570	\$ 6,954,570
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>17,490,818</u>	<u>17,488,835</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 24,445,388	\$ 24,443,405
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TARLETON OUTREACH	\$ 15,433	\$ 15,433
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> HEALTH SCIENCES & RURAL HEALTH Health Sciences and Rural Health Program.	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> SOUTHWEST METROPLEX OUTREACH	848,483	848,483

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C.1.4. Strategy: BETTER HEALTH FOR RURAL NTX Better Health For Rural North Texans.	2,500,000	2,500,000
C.2. Objective: RESEARCH		
C.2.1. Strategy: ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH Institute for Applied Environmental Research.	\$ 470,182	\$ 470,182
C.2.2. Strategy: AG & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CENTER Tarleton Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Research Center.	68,360	68,360
C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE		
C.3.1. Strategy: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT Small Business Development Center.	\$ 75,049	\$ 75,049
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 4,977,507	\$ 4,977,507
D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS		
D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 900,387	\$ 900,387
Grand Total, TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY	\$ 83,193,134	\$ 83,191,151

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,129,739	\$ 14,426,618
Other Personnel Costs	2,299,637	2,244,558
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	36,045,099	35,523,458
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,307,504	1,882,008
Professional Fees and Services	352,421	389,126
Fuels and Lubricants	668	199
Consumable Supplies	50,135	65,054
Utilities	4,910,028	5,519,795
Travel	1,956	536
Rent - Building	1,440	1,440
Rent - Machine and Other	71,017	94,220
Debt Service	17,490,818	17,488,835
Other Operating Expense	2,598,186	2,635,517
Client Services	100,415	198,160
Grants	2,653,114	2,653,114
Capital Expenditures	180,957	68,513
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 83,193,134	\$ 83,191,151

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 4,209,249	\$ 4,606,257
Group Insurance	7,153,730	7,726,029
Social Security	4,083,976	4,312,678

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act

\$ 15,446,955 \$ 16,644,964

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Tarleton State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Tarleton State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Tarleton State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	54%	55%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	38%	39%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	77%	78%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	99%	99%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	58%	59%

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Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	72%	73%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	47%	48%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	30%	30%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	99%	99%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	8	8
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	11%	11%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,146	5,146
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	21,000	20,500
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	60%	60%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	15,000	16,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	69%	69%

- 2. Scholarship Match.** Out of the funds appropriated above, funds may be used to provide a match for funds collected by a one dollar per semester credit hour fee for a student endowment scholarship and internship adopted by student referendum, pursuant to Education Code, Section 56.242.
- 3. Bosque River Monitoring Project.** The Institute for Applied Environmental Research shall conduct water quality monitoring for the Bosque River. The institute shall coordinate the collection and reporting of data to conform to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality protocols. The Institute shall report on the water quality in the Bosque River by July 1 and February 1 of each year to the Commission. It is legislative intent that the water quality monitoring efforts of the Institute for Applied Environmental Research, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and other appropriate agencies and entities be cooperative and non-duplicative.
- 4. Health Sciences and Rural Health Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Tarleton State University in Strategy C.1.2, Health Sciences and Rural Health Program, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Health Sciences and Rural Health Program.
- 5. Southwest Metroplex Outreach.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Southwest Metroplex Outreach, \$848,483 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, and \$848,483 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Southwest Metroplex Outreach program.
- 6. Better Health for Rural North Texans.** Out of funds appropriated above to Tarleton State University in Strategy C.1.4, Better Health for Rural NTX, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Better Health for Rural North Texans initiative.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 23,813,600	\$ 23,812,407
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 231,208	\$ 231,208
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>2,515,069</u>	<u>2,515,069</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 2,746,277</u>	<u>\$ 2,746,277</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 26,559,877</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,558,684</u></u>

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This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	198.4	198.4
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 7,518,116	\$ 7,518,116
A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	181,519	181,519
A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	164,615	164,615
A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	7,350	7,350
A.1.5. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	6,457	6,457
A.1.6. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	373,100	373,100
A.1.7. Strategy: CRU FUNDING	630,739	630,739
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 8,881,896	\$ 8,881,896

B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Provide Infrastructure Support.

B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 982,136	\$ 982,136
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	8,454,287	8,453,094
B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	1,316,567	1,316,567
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 10,752,990	\$ 10,751,797

C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT

Provide Non-formula Support.

C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

C.1.1. Strategy: UPPER LEVEL INSTITUTION SUPPORT	\$ 4,981,033	\$ 4,981,033
C.1.2. Strategy: E. WILLIAMSON CO HE CENTER East Williamson County Higher Education Center.	1,242,632	1,242,632
C.1.3. Strategy: TRANSFER CENTRAL Transfer Central - Student Transfer Initiative.	600,000	600,000
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 6,823,665	\$ 6,823,665

D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS

D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 101,326	\$ 101,326
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Grand Total, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CENTRAL TEXAS	\$ 26,559,877	\$ 26,558,684
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,562,444	\$ 5,898,170
Other Personnel Costs	238,470	172,059
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	6,560,920	6,999,913
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	95,933	96,884
Professional Fees and Services	651,166	275,110
Fuels and Lubricants	1,570	2,000
Consumable Supplies	7,062	2,550
Utilities	454,463	306,305
Travel	7,309	5,311
Rent - Machine and Other	281,802	244,720
Debt Service	8,454,287	8,453,094
Other Operating Expense	3,373,150	3,229,057
Client Services	492,926	500,411
Grants	373,100	373,100
Capital Expenditures	5,275	0
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 26,559,877	\$ 26,558,684

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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,278,885	\$ 1,383,225
Group Insurance	1,043,871	1,127,381
Social Security	<u>1,037,022</u>	<u>1,095,095</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	<u>\$ 3,359,778</u>	<u>\$ 3,605,701</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University - Central Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University - Central Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University - Central Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	100%	100%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	60%	60%
Percent of Full-time, Degree-seeking Transfer Students Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Years	74%	67%
Percent of Full-time, Degree-seeking Transfer Students Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Two Years	41%	41%
Persistence Rate of Full-time, Degree-seeking Transfer Students After One Academic Year	75%	75%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	11%	11%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	3,516	3,516
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	13,282	13,282
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	78%	78%

2. **East Williamson County Higher Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Central Texas in Strategy C.1.2, East Williamson County Higher Education Center, \$342,632 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$342,632 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the East Williamson County Higher Education Center.
3. **Upper Level Institution Support - Texas A&M University - Central Texas.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Upper Level Institution Support, for Texas A&M University - Central Texas will be phased out by one-fourth over four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.
4. **Transfer Central - Student Transfer Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Central Texas in Strategy C.1.3, Transfer Central, \$600,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$600,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Transfer Central - Student Transfer Initiative program.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 53,020,281	\$ 53,022,831
 <u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,467,256	\$ 1,467,256

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>16,373,651</u>	<u>16,373,651</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ <u>17,840,907</u>	\$ <u>17,840,907</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 70,861,188</u>	<u>\$ 70,863,738</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 26% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	679.2	679.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 35,620,337	\$ 35,620,337
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	956,823	956,823
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,676,895	1,676,895
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	64,341	64,341
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	6,275	6,275
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,828,787	1,828,787
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,424,880</u>	<u>1,424,880</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 41,578,338	\$ 41,578,338
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 6,680,258	\$ 6,680,258
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>10,662,108</u>	<u>10,664,658</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 17,342,366	\$ 17,344,916
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENGINEERING PROGRAM	\$ 1,975,184	\$ 1,975,184
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM School Nursing Program for Early Childhood Development Center.	130,917	130,917
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> CIVIL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING Civil and Industrial Engineering Program.	1,092,500	1,092,500
<b>C.2. Objective: RESEARCH</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR COASTAL STUDIES	\$ 70,189	\$ 70,189
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> GULF OF MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL LAB Gulf of Mexico Environment Research Laboratory.	112,214	112,214
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS Lone Star Unmanned Aircraft Systems Center.	4,825,000	4,825,000
<b>C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> WATER RESOURCES CENTER	\$ 28,145	\$ 28,145
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> ART MUSEUM	148,190	148,190
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> CSTL BEND ECO DEV & BUS INNOV CTR Coastal Bend Economic Development and Business Innovation Center.	342,783	342,783
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER	<u>74,810</u>	<u>74,810</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 8,799,932	\$ 8,799,932
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 3,140,552</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,552</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<u>\$ 70,861,188</u>	<u>\$ 70,863,738</u>

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI  
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 24,177,479	\$ 23,618,384
Other Personnel Costs	1,848,770	1,845,894
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	21,817,463	21,360,769
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	882,727	847,543
Professional Fees and Services	102,305	204,470
Fuels and Lubricants	9,031	587
Consumable Supplies	50,130	44,245
Utilities	3,521,923	3,276,089
Travel	158,843	145,581
Rent - Building	164,655	160,000
Rent - Machine and Other	252,319	73,222
Debt Service	10,662,108	10,664,658
Other Operating Expense	2,455,548	5,027,827
Client Services	1,379,498	869,754
Grants	1,828,787	1,828,787
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,549,602</u>	<u>895,928</u>
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	<u>\$ 70,861,188</u>	<u>\$ 70,863,738</u>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 4,585,591	\$ 4,944,553
Group Insurance	6,468,488	6,985,967
Social Security	<u>4,092,080</u>	<u>4,321,236</u>

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	<u>\$ 15,146,159</u>	<u>\$ 16,251,756</u>
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	36.3%	36.6%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	23.8%	23.6%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	58.5%	59.7%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	85%	85%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	36.3%	35.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	67.9%	68.6%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	31.3%	32.5%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	35.5%	35.3%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	50%	50%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	95%	95%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	24.83	25.33
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.7%	8.8%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,266	5,266
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	25,256	24,829
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	62.3%	61.7%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,316	12,423
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	93.3%	93.2%



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI  
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2. **Art Museum Contingency.** Out of the monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated above, \$148,190 in each year of the biennium for the Art Museum is contingent upon the Art Museum receiving at least \$296,382 each year from local gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the operations of the Art Museum. In the event that gifts, grants, or donations for each fiscal year total less than \$296,382, the appropriation in each fiscal year is reduced to an amount equal to one-half of the total gifts, grants, and donations received in that fiscal year.
3. **Engineering Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Engineering Program in the amount of \$1,975,184 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,975,184 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support engineering programs, including mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, and the STEM pipeline initiative.
4. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi in Strategy C.2.3, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, \$4,825,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used for unmanned aircraft systems.
5. **Civil and Industrial Engineering Program.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Civil and Industrial Engineering Program, in the amount of \$1,092,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,092,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027, shall be used for the civil and industrial engineering program.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - KINGSVILLE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 35,855,966	\$ 35,859,317
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 734,819	\$ 734,819
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>11,363,727</u>	<u>11,363,727</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 12,098,546</u>	<u>\$ 12,098,546</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 47,954,512</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 47,957,863</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 32.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	330.8	330.8
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 21,341,931	\$ 21,341,931
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	679,562	679,562
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,499,560	1,499,560
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	92,013	91,491
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	38,000	38,000
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,254,362	1,254,362
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	193,948	193,948
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,008,597</u>	<u>1,008,597</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 26,107,973	\$ 26,107,451
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 4,372,192	\$ 4,372,192
Educational and General Space Support.		

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - KINGSVILLE**  
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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	9,324,404	9,328,277
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>820,484</u>	<u>820,484</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 14,517,080</b>	<b>\$ 14,520,953</b>
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b> Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PHD IN ENGINEERING	\$ 31,669	\$ 31,669
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	440,896	440,896
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> RURAL NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS Rural Nursing and Health Professions Program.	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CITRUS CENTER	\$ 1,515,781	\$ 1,515,781
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE	137,184	137,184
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE FOR RANCH MANAGEMENT	121,059	121,059
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> JOHN E. CONNOR MUSEUM	\$ 11,505	\$ 11,505
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> SOUTH TEXAS ARCHIVES	<u>46,212</u>	<u>46,212</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 4,804,306</b>	<b>\$ 4,804,306</b>
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 2,525,153</u>	<u>\$ 2,525,153</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY - KINGSVILLE</b>	<b><u>\$ 47,954,512</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 47,957,863</u></b>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 19,099,740	\$ 18,666,440
Other Personnel Costs	2,164,436	2,096,513
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	12,461,671	12,712,518
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	75,839	0
Professional Fees and Services	100,656	180,429
Fuels and Lubricants	15,942	2,040
Consumable Supplies	36,562	9,657
Utilities	24,176	6,259
Travel	25,276	21,034
Rent - Machine and Other	20,962	8,433
Debt Service	9,324,404	9,328,277
Other Operating Expense	2,224,812	2,174,448
Grants	1,254,362	1,254,362
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,125,674</u>	<u>1,497,453</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 47,954,512</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 47,957,863</u></b>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,579,213	\$ 3,861,326
Group Insurance	5,841,982	6,309,340
Social Security	<u>3,203,709</u>	<u>3,383,117</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,624,904</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,553,783</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University - Kingsville. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University - Kingsville. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University - Kingsville shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - KINGSVILLE  
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	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	46%	46%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	22%	22%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	67%	67%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	84%	84%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	45%	45%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	70%	70%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	35%	35%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	50%	50%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	40%	40%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	21.3	21.6
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.5%	7.5%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,946	4,946
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	24,799	24,799
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	70%	70%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	13,932	13,932
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	95%	95%

- 2. Veterinary Technology Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Kingsville in Strategy C.1.2, Veterinary Technology Program, \$440,896 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$440,896 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be for the Veterinary Technology Program.
- 3. Citrus Center Budwood Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Kingsville in Strategy C.2.1, Citrus Center, \$1,515,781 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,515,781 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Citrus Center. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- 4. Rural Nursing and Health Professions Program.** Out of funds appropriated above to Texas A&M University at Kingsville in Strategy C.1.3, Rural Nursing and Health Professions, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Rural Nursing and Health Professions Program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 34,873,545	\$ 34,872,946
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 530,504	\$ 530,504
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	7,607,912	7,607,912
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 8,138,416	\$ 8,138,416
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 43,011,961</u>	<u>\$ 43,011,362</u>

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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 40.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	374.4	374.4
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**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 16,810,462	\$ 16,810,462
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	400,159	400,159
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	484,539	484,539
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	30,214	30,214
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	28,640	28,640
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	1,726,391	1,726,391
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: CRU FUNDING</b>	<u>1,191,121</u>	<u>1,191,121</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 20,671,526	\$ 20,671,526

<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 3,470,578	\$ 3,470,578
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	11,602,998	11,602,399
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT</b>	<u>552,431</u>	<u>552,431</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 15,626,007	\$ 15,625,408

<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: EXPANSION FUNDING</b>	\$ 6,599,405	\$ 6,599,405

<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND</b>	<u>\$ 115,023</u>	<u>\$ 115,023</u>

<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO</b>	<u><u>\$ 43,011,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 43,011,362</u></u>
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<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,056,807	\$ 9,963,724
Other Personnel Costs	846,373	846,082
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	15,326,214	15,419,587
Consumable Supplies	6,582	6,582
Utilities	3,307,941	3,307,941
Debt Service	11,602,998	11,602,399
Other Operating Expense	138,655	138,656
Grants	<u>1,726,391</u>	<u>1,726,391</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 43,011,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 43,011,362</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,863,585	\$ 3,121,756
Group Insurance	2,256,708	2,437,243
Social Security	<u>2,172,976</u>	<u>2,294,663</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,293,269</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,853,662</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University - San Antonio. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University - San Antonio. In order to

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achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University - San Antonio shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	27.2%	27.7%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	18.6%	19.1%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	64.19%	64.69%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	90.8%	91.3%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	76.85%	77.35%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	58.4%	58.9%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	23.18%	23.68%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	24%	24.5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost As a Percent of Total Expenditures	13.5%	14%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,874	4,874
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	10,025	10,050
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	92.5%	93%

**2. Expansion Funding - Texas A&M University - San Antonio.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Expansion Funding for Texas A&M University - San Antonio will be phased out by one-fourth over the four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 38,940,464	\$ 38,942,869
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 804,800	\$ 804,800
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>10,451,386</u>	<u>10,451,386</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 11,256,186</u>	<u>\$ 11,256,186</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 50,196,650</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,199,055</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 34.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	405.0	405.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 23,772,542	\$ 23,772,542
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	595,593	595,593
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	965,367	965,367
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	26,391	26,391
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	199	199
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	1,451,839	1,451,839

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<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.	<u>1,306,720</u>	<u>1,306,720</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 28,118,651	\$ 28,118,651
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 4,398,564	\$ 4,398,564
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	10,165,115	10,167,520
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>292,804</u>	<u>292,804</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 14,856,483	\$ 14,858,888
<b>C. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SUPPORT	\$ 1,034,274	\$ 1,034,274
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT	520,714	520,714
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> PATH TO ACADEMIC & STUDENT SUCCESS Path to Academic and Student Success.	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> CLINICAL LAB & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY Clinical Lab Sciences And Occupational Therapy.	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE	\$ 126,870	\$ 126,870
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	<u>119,380</u>	<u>119,380</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 6,801,238	\$ 6,801,238
<b>D. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 420,278</u>	<u>\$ 420,278</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 50,196,650</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,199,055</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 13,295,872	\$ 13,309,590
Other Personnel Costs	1,162,068	1,163,921
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	19,444,642	19,693,143
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	345,192	331,508
Professional Fees and Services	23,579	18,943
Consumable Supplies	111,291	108,924
Utilities	1,161,582	1,188,049
Debt Service	10,165,115	10,167,520
Other Operating Expense	2,184,612	2,063,084
Grants	1,451,839	1,451,839
Capital Expenditures	<u>850,858</u>	<u>702,534</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 50,196,650</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 50,199,055</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,099,850	\$ 3,345,599
Group Insurance	3,880,322	4,190,748
Social Security	<u>2,858,525</u>	<u>3,018,602</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,838,697</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,554,949</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M International University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M International University. In order to achieve

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the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M International University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	47.07%	46.77%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	29.06%	29.39%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	79.49%	79.97%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	87.5%	87.6%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	63.95%	63.42%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	59.79%	58.91%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	17.53%	17.23%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	17.3%	16.72%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	83.05%	81.27%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	5	5.5
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	6.5%	6.5%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,749	4,749
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	7,408	7,408
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	45%	45%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	10,377	10,377
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	97%	97%

2. **Path to Academic and Student Success.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M International University in Strategy C.1.3, Path to Academic and Student Success, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Path to Academic and Student Success program.
3. **Clinical Laboratory and Occupational Therapy Programs.** Out of funds appropriated above to Texas A&M International University in Strategy C.1.4, Clinical Lab and Occupational Therapy, \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, and \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Clinical Laboratory and Occupational Therapy Programs at Texas A&M International University.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 40,543,487	\$ 40,546,298
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,562,808	\$ 1,562,808
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	10,229,971	10,229,971
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 11,792,779	\$ 11,792,779
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 52,336,266</u>	<u>\$ 52,339,077</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 26.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	490.5	490.5
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 26,704,765	\$ 26,704,765
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	650,503	650,503
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,521,833	1,521,833
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	33,500	34,000
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	18,070	18,070
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,385,274	1,385,274
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	94,884	94,884
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,262,210</u>	<u>1,262,210</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 31,671,039</b>	<b>\$ 31,671,539</b>
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 4,722,841	\$ 4,722,841
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	8,445,971	8,448,282
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>248,831</u>	<u>248,831</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 13,417,643</b>	<b>\$ 13,419,954</b>
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM	\$ 262,874	\$ 262,874
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**C.2. Objective: RESEARCH**

<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> KILLGORE RESEARCH CENTER	\$ 21,658	\$ 21,658
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> INDUSTRY SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT Agriculture Industry Support and Development.	432,844	432,844
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT Integrated Crop Pest Management.	64,925	64,925
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> ADVANCING FOOD ANIMAL PRODUCTION Advancing Food Animal Production in the Panhandle.	5,000,000	5,000,000

**C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE**

<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> PANHANDLE-PLAINS MUSEUM Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.	\$ 266,537	\$ 266,537
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> RURAL AGRI-BUSINESS Rural Agri-Business Incubator & Accelerator.	492,638	492,638
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	<u>135,377</u>	<u>135,377</u>

<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 6,676,853</b>	<b>\$ 6,676,853</b>
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**D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 570,731</u>	<u>\$ 570,731</u>
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<b>Grand Total, WEST TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 52,336,266</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 52,339,077</u></b>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,736,372	\$ 16,972,858
Other Personnel Costs	316,801	488,779
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	17,902,457	21,950,539
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	44,600	44,449
Professional Fees and Services	24,495	293,407
Fuels and Lubricants	22,193	0
Consumable Supplies	43,215	30,938
Utilities	65,446	42,751
Travel	133,962	12,570
Rent - Building	26,260	0
Rent - Machine and Other	20,808	0
Debt Service	8,445,971	8,448,282
Other Operating Expense	7,508,334	2,507,370



Client Services	22,015	36,860
Grants	1,385,274	1,385,274
Capital Expenditures	<u>638,063</u>	<u>125,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 52,336,266</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 52,339,077</u></b>

## Employee Benefits

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 13,001,401</u>	<u>\$ 13,921,948</u>
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- |  | 2026   | 2027   |
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| <b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>   |        |        |
| <b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>   |        |        |
| Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years  | 50.51% | 51.26% |
| Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years | 35.66% | 36.19% |
| Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year                  | 69.55% | 70.24% |
| Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates  | 98.6%  | 98.6%  |
| Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates  | 52.32% | 53.36% |
| Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years                         | 60.17% | 60.77% |
| Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years                          | 28.02% | 28.3%  |
| Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty                            | 31.09% | 31.72% |
| State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates   | 74.28% | 75.77% |
| State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates   | 98.5%  | 98.5%  |
| Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)   | 3.25   | 3.31   |
| <b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>   |        |        |
| <b>Efficiencies:</b>   |        |        |
| Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures   | 8.31%  | 8.31%  |
| Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours                                 | 4,602  | 4,602  |
| <b>Explanatory:</b>  |        |        |
| Average Student Loan Debt  | 25,304 | 25,304 |
| Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt   | 58.8%  | 58.8%  |
| Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student  | 10,234 | 10,234 |
| Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid  | 85.6%  | 85.6%  |

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<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 2,749,920	\$ 2,749,920
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>7,688,957</u>	<u>7,688,957</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 10,438,877</u>	<u>\$ 10,438,877</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 58,216,207</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,216,366</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 31.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	639.6	639.6
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 37,571,396	\$ 37,571,396
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	673,222	673,222
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,925,501	1,925,501
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	80,921	80,921
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION INSURANCE	20,150	20,150
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,670,356	1,670,356
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	116,205	116,205
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,405,347</u>	<u>1,405,347</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 43,463,098	\$ 43,463,098
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 4,699,568	\$ 4,699,568
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>9,027,103</u>	<u>9,027,262</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 13,726,671	\$ 13,726,830
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING PROGRAM	\$ 62,163	\$ 62,163
Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Industrial Engineering.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION	433,288	433,288
<b>C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH	<u>\$ 286,934</u>	<u>\$ 286,934</u>
Mesquite/Metroplex/Northeast Texas.		
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 782,385	\$ 782,385
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 244,053</u>	<u>\$ 244,053</u>
<b>Grand Total, EAST TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 58,216,207</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,216,366</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 17,445,318	\$ 17,689,031
Other Personnel Costs	2,162,846	2,132,963
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	27,253,852	27,040,297
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	455,736	367,665
Professional Fees and Services	0	8,651
Utilities	3,200	34,593
Travel	7,954	15,572
Debt Service	9,027,103	9,027,262
Other Operating Expense	189,842	229,976

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Grants	1,670,356	1,670,356
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 58,216,207</b>	<b>\$ 58,216,366</b>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 4,247,695	\$ 4,595,513
Group Insurance	7,981,731	8,620,269
Social Security	4,451,560	4,700,847
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 16,680,986</b>	<b>\$ 17,916,629</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the East Texas A&M University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the East Texas A&M University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the East Texas A&M University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	42.21%	42.51%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	26.93%	27.23%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	72.15%	72.58%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	90.3%	90.45%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	67.78%	69.55%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	73.06%	74.04%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	51.03%	52.72%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	36.33%	36.69%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	96.28%	96.77%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	4.44	4.63
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.34%	7.1%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,013	5,013
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	60%	59%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	15,324	15,687
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	100%	100%

**2. Institute for Competency-Based Education.** Out of funds appropriated to East Texas A&M University in Strategy C.1.2, Institute for Competency-Based Education, \$433,288 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$433,288 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Institute for Competency-Based Education.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 27,876,832	\$ 27,870,546
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 113,444	\$ 113,444

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	2,198,138	2,198,138
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 2,311,582	\$ 2,311,582
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ 30,188,414</b>	<b>\$ 30,182,128</b>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	164.0	164.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 5,339,475	\$ 5,339,475
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	216,073	216,073
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	222,081	222,081
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	340,816	340,816
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	510,337	510,337
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 6,628,782</b>	<b>\$ 6,628,782</b>
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,249,527	\$ 1,249,527
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	11,442,834	11,436,548
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	1,316,567	1,316,567
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 14,008,928</b>	<b>\$ 14,002,642</b>
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	\$ 331,620	\$ 331,620
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> NURSING PROGRAM	955,305	955,305
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> EXPANSION FUNDING	1,119,159	1,119,159
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> NE TEXAS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP	32,825	32,825
Northeast Texas Education Partnership.		
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM	497,508	497,508
<b>C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> BETTER EAST TEXAS INITIATIVE	\$ 6,610,000	\$ 6,610,000
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 9,546,417</b>	<b>\$ 9,546,417</b>
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 4,287	\$ 4,287
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY - TEXARKANA</b>	<b>\$ 30,188,414</b>	<b>\$ 30,182,128</b>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,572,706	\$ 7,413,152
Other Personnel Costs	432,767	1,017,767
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	7,888,818	7,927,375
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	346,609	0
Professional Fees and Services	153,678	12,171
Consumable Supplies	7,054	760
Utilities	103,266	32,248
Travel	18,312	21,011
Rent - Building	6,541	2,056
Rent - Machine and Other	371,315	100,954
Debt Service	11,442,834	11,436,548
Other Operating Expense	3,173,793	1,877,270
Grants	340,816	340,816

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Capital Expenditures	329,905	0
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 30,188,414</b>	<b>\$ 30,182,128</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,685,508	\$ 1,859,355
Group Insurance	2,669,879	2,883,469
Social Security	1,470,964	1,553,338
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 5,826,351</b>	<b>\$ 6,296,162</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University - Texarkana. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University - Texarkana. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University - Texarkana shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	37.24%	39.94%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	28.53%	32.2%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	64.47%	65.8%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	99.38%	100%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	48.63%	51.1%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	62.32%	65.87%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	36.78%	39.09%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	65.53%	66.65%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	0.05	0.05
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	15%	15%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,428	4,428
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	22,689	23,297
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	64%	65%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,141	12,287
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	91%	91%

- 2. Scholarship Match.** Out of the funds appropriated above, funds may be used to provide a match for funds collected by a two dollar per semester credit hour fee for a student endowment scholarship and internship program adopted by student referendum, pursuant to Education Code, Section 56.242.
- 3. Expansion Funding - Texas A&M University - Texarkana.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.3, Expansion Funding for Texas A&M University - Texarkana will be phased out by one-fourth over the four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.
- 4. Student Success Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Texarkana in Strategy C.1.5, Student Success Program, \$497,508 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$497,508 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Student Success Program.

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5. **Nursing Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Texarkana in Strategy C.1.2, Nursing Program, \$955,305 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$955,305 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Nursing Program.
6. **Better East Texas Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas A&M University - Texarkana in Strategy C.2.1, Better East Texas Initiative, \$6,610,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,610,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Better East Texas Initiative.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 59,836,780	\$ 59,836,780
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 11,238	\$ 11,238
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 59,848,018</u>	<u>\$ 59,848,018</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 81.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	12.9	12.9
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$ 1,468,759	\$ 1,468,759
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> UH CCAP REVENUE BONDS University of Houston Capital Construction Assistance.	\$ 21,964,102	\$ 21,964,102
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> UH CLEAR LAKE CCAP REVENUE BONDS University of Houston Clear Lake Capital Construction.	9,263,432	9,263,432
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> UH DOWNTOWN CCAP REVENUE BONDS University of Houston Downtown Capital Construction.	9,553,500	9,553,500
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> UH VICTORIA CCAP REVENUE BONDS University of Houston Victoria Capital Construction.	7,748,050	7,748,050
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> UH SYSTEM CCAP REVENUE BONDS University of Houston System Capital Construction Assistance.	<u>8,850,175</u>	<u>8,850,175</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 57,379,259	\$ 57,379,259
<b>C. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 59,848,018</u>	<u>\$ 59,848,018</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,464,291	\$ 1,464,291
Other Personnel Costs	3,321	3,321
Debt Service	34,629,121	34,629,121

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Other Operating Expense	<u>23,751,285</u>	<u>23,751,285</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 59,848,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,848,018</u></u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 152,055	\$ 168,505
Group Insurance	343,651	371,142
Social Security	<u>110,644</u>	<u>116,840</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	 <u><u>\$ 606,350</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 656,487</u></u>

- 1. Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$175,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

- 2. Aircraft Authorized.** The University of Houston System Administration is authorized to acquire, operate and maintain, including replacing, one passenger airplane. Such airplane should be acquired by gift, if possible, but may be acquired by purchase subject to the authority under Government Code, Chapter 2205. All costs of acquisition, operation and maintenance, including replacement, shall be paid for out of institutional funds. In the event that a temporary need arises, the University of Houston may expend institutional funds for the lease or rental of an aircraft on an as-needed basis.
- 3. Teacher Preparation Program.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston System in Strategy C.1.1, Teacher Preparation Program, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Teacher Preparation Program, which is a partnership between the University of Houston System institutions and participating Houston-area school districts.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 161,778,464	\$ 161,778,464
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 14,051,615	\$ 14,051,615
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>68,914,009</u>	<u>68,914,009</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 82,965,624	\$ 82,965,624
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 3,349</u>	<u>\$ 3,349</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 19.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	2,093.6	2,093.6
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 183,664,050	\$ 183,664,050
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	2,646,195	2,646,195
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	8,888,846	8,888,846
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	342,931	342,931
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>8,311,723</u>	<u>8,311,723</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 203,853,745	\$ 203,853,745
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 26,658,209	\$ 26,658,209
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> COMPLEX SYSTEMS RESEARCH CLUSTER	\$ 449,663	\$ 449,663
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> ENERGY RESEARCH CLUSTER	2,324,892	2,324,892
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> HOBBY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	1,290,339	1,290,339
William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs.		
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	\$ 2,221,704	\$ 2,221,704
University of Houston Small Business Development Center.		
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH CLUSTER	1,445,114	1,445,114
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT	750,422	750,422
Education and Community Advancement.		
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> MULTICULTURAL SUCCESS	1,250,000	1,250,000
Partnership for Multicultural Success.		
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 3,349</u>	<u>\$ 3,349</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 14,235,483</u>	<u>\$ 14,235,483</u>
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON</b>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 90,702,825	\$ 85,886,563
Other Personnel Costs	10,665,264	10,408,482
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	103,265,074	127,967,342
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,906,302	1,689,829



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Professional Fees and Services	908,629	747,744
Fuels and Lubricants	721	377
Consumable Supplies	204,284	234,995
Utilities	6,601,739	3,187,584
Travel	5,102	4,236
Rent - Building	381,477	482,720
Rent - Machine and Other	1,873,542	523,993
Other Operating Expense	17,766,042	3,695,119
Client Services	369,471	354,048
Grants	8,311,723	8,311,723
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,785,242</u>	<u>1,252,682</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 244,747,437</u></u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 19,804,139	\$ 21,218,311
Group Insurance	22,963,994	24,800,462
Social Security	<u>17,363,060</u>	<u>18,335,391</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$ 60,131,193    \$ 64,354,164

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of Houston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of Houston. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of Houston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	66.17%	67.05%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	45.62%	45.37%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	86.21%	86.73%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	85.83%	86.62%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	48%	48%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	73.64%	74.54%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two years	24.42%	24.4%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	21%	21%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Law Graduates	84%	84%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	73%	73%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Pharmacy Graduates	85%	85%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	123	126
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	6.55%	6.55%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,842.11	6,968.49
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	23,639	24,616
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	45%	44%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	11,502	11,660
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	75%	75%

**2. Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program.** The University of Houston may allocate and use any donations, gifts, or endowments received by the University of Houston for the establishment and operation of the Texas Optometry Career Opportunities Program.

**3. William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston in Strategy C.2.3, William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year

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2027 will be used by the William P. Hobby School of Public Affairs to analyze demographic, economic, and related data on markets and other factors impacting Houston, the Houston region, and other parts of Texas.

- 4. College of Pharmacy.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.1.1, College of Pharmacy, \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the College of Pharmacy.
  
- 5. Multicultural Success.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.3.4, Multicultural Success, \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Multicultural Success.

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - CLEAR LAKE**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 26,428,059	\$ 26,428,059
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,492,451	\$ 1,492,451
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>10,152,396</u>	<u>10,152,396</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 11,644,847	\$ 11,644,847
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 2,517</u>	<u>\$ 2,517</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 38,075,423</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 38,075,423</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	377.8	377.8
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 25,488,608	\$ 25,488,608
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	896,304	896,304
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	1,401,052	1,401,052
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	97,938	97,938
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,288,905	1,288,905
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,252,283</u>	<u>1,252,283</u>

Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 30,425,090	\$ 30,425,090
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 3,267,418	\$ 3,267,418
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>489,763</u>	<u>489,763</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 3,757,181	\$ 3,757,181
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> EXPANSION FUNDING	\$ 2,725,000	\$ 2,725,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> HIGH TECHNOLOGIES LABORATORY	\$ 29,066	\$ 29,066

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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of Houston - Clear Lake. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of Houston - Clear Lake. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of Houston - Clear Lake shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

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<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	10,715	10,715
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	84%	84%

- 2. Expansion Funding - University of Houston - Clear Lake.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, University of Houston - Clear Lake will be phased out by one-fourth over the four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.
- 3. Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston - Clear Lake, in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities.
- 4. Success Through Education Program.** Out of funds appropriated to University of Houston - Clear Lake, in Strategy C.3.1, Success Through Education, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Success Through Education Program (STEP).

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 28,786,598	\$ 28,786,598
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 955,828	\$ 955,828
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>16,623,174</u>	<u>16,623,174</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 17,579,002	\$ 17,579,002
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 8,186</u>	<u>\$ 8,186</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 21.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	410.7	410.7
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<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 32,200,413	\$ 32,200,413
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,132,185	1,132,185
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,111,369	2,111,369
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	137,716	137,716
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	2,484,660	2,484,660
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>2,351,592</u>	<u>2,351,592</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 40,417,935	\$ 40,417,935
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 5,408,908	\$ 5,408,908
Educational and General Space Support.		

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<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT</b>	\$ 251,712	\$ 251,712
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: WONDERWORKS</b>	47,500	47,500
<b>C.2. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS</b>	<u>\$ 8,186</u>	<u>\$ 8,186</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 307,398	\$ 307,398
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND</b>	<u>\$ 239,545</u>	<u>\$ 239,545</u>
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 13,910,783	\$ 11,723,887
Other Personnel Costs	2,311,706	2,308,941
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	26,334,055	28,669,919
Utilities	850,799	707,428
Other Operating Expense	182,571	179,739
Grants	<u>2,783,872</u>	<u>2,783,872</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,786</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,277,203	\$ 3,506,485
Group Insurance	4,175,865	4,509,779
Social Security	<u>3,390,556</u>	<u>3,580,427</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 10,843,624</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,596,691</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of Houston - Downtown. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of Houston - Downtown. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of Houston - Downtown shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	43.55%	47.51%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	17.68%	19.03%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	72.53%	75.36%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	76%	77%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	73%	73%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	65.28%	65.78%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	35%	35.5%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	35%	35%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	2.6	2.7
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	14%	13.9%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,179.6	5,335
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	21,368.7	20,868.7
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	46%	46%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	13,818.5	14,233.1
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	92%	92%

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2. **Wonderworks.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Wonderworks, \$47,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$47,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Wonderworks program.

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - VICTORIA

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 13,492,513	\$ 14,022,513
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 985,462	\$ 985,462
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>4,450,682</u>	<u>4,450,682</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 5,436,144	\$ 5,436,144
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 899</u>	<u>\$ 899</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 18,929,556</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 19,459,556</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 32.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	166.0	166.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 10,964,471	\$ 10,964,471
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	328,806	328,806
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	547,149	547,149
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	45,811	45,811
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	594,871	594,871
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>792,770</u>	<u>792,770</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 13,273,878	\$ 13,273,878
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,646,697	\$ 1,646,697
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 2,963,264	\$ 2,963,264
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> EXPANSION FUNDING	\$ 1,223,829	\$ 1,223,829
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> AVIATION ACADEMIC CENTER	1,275,000	1,805,000
<b>C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 153,176	\$ 153,176
<b>C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 899</u>	<u>\$ 899</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 2,652,904	\$ 3,182,904

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - VICTORIA  
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D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS		
D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ 39,510	\$ 39,510
Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - VICTORIA	\$ 18,929,556	\$ 19,459,556

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,325,849	\$ 5,761,646
Other Personnel Costs	757,458	651,209
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	7,715,845	7,695,995
Professional Fees and Services	114,786	0
Consumable Supplies	392	0
Utilities	792,941	473,935
Travel	22,279	1,429
Other Operating Expense	2,605,135	4,280,471
Grants	594,871	594,871

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 18,929,556	\$ 19,459,556
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 1,446,934	\$ 1,557,324
Group Insurance	2,099,102	2,266,938
Social Security	1,560,062	1,647,425

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 5,106,098	\$ 5,471,687
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of Houston - Victoria. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of Houston - Victoria. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of Houston - Victoria shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	28.62%	29.19%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	15.53%	15.84%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	63.95%	65.24%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	95.88%	95.88%
Percentage of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First		
Generation College Graduates	63.41%	64.68%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	62.46%	63.71%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	30.97%	31.59%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	99.24%	99.24%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	0.4	0.03
A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT		
Efficiencies:		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.86%	9.03%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,658	4,658
Explanatory:		
Average Student Loan Debt	27,457	28,006
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	35%	36%
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	48%	49%

2. **Expansion Funding - University of Houston-Victoria.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Expansion Funding for the University of Houston - Victoria will be phased out by one-fourth over the four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.

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3. **Aviation Academic Center.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of Houston Victoria in Strategy C.1.2, Aviation Academic Center, \$1,275,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,805,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to establish and support the Aviation Academic Center.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,917,594	\$ 5,918,511
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 5,917,594</u>	<u>\$ 5,918,511</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 51.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	120.9	120.9
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$ 1,388,399	\$ 1,388,399
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP Revenue Bonds	\$ 4,357,015	\$ 4,357,932
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>C. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> FEDERATION OF NORTH TEXAS UNIV	\$ 30,357	\$ 30,357
Federation of North Texas Universities.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> UNIVERSITIES CENTER AT DALLAS	<u>141,823</u>	<u>141,823</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	<u>\$ 172,180</u>	<u>\$ 172,180</u>
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 5,917,594</u>	<u>\$ 5,918,511</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,560,579	\$ 1,560,579
Debt Service	<u>4,357,015</u>	<u>4,357,932</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 5,917,594</u>	<u>\$ 5,918,511</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 625,765	\$ 706,350
Group Insurance	1,049,061	1,132,871
Social Security	<u>549,542</u>	<u>580,317</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 2,224,368</u>	<u>\$ 2,419,538</u>

1. **Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$53,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION  
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A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

2. **Federation of North Texas Area Universities.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall pay all warrants drawn on the identified strategy of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities for expenses incurred on federation business regardless of which member institution of the federation the payee is an employee.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 123,547,231	\$ 123,548,801
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 10,882,757	\$ 10,882,757
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>100,472,309</u>	<u>100,472,309</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 111,355,066	\$ 111,355,066
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 10,500</u>	<u>\$ 10,500</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 234,912,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 234,914,367</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 27.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	2,145.8	2,145.8
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 167,036,033	\$ 167,036,033
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	2,119,424	2,119,424
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	6,775,862	6,775,862
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	284,199	284,199
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	8,337,333	8,337,333
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	<u>389,966</u>	<u>389,966</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 184,942,817	\$ 184,942,817
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 25,680,099	\$ 25,680,099
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>17,970,244</u>	<u>17,971,814</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 43,650,343	\$ 43,651,913
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS ACADEMY OF MATH AND SCIENCE	\$ 1,232,600	\$ 1,232,600
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTE OF APPLIED SCIENCES	\$ 24,021	\$ 24,021
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> CAAAM	5,000,000	5,000,000
Center for Agile and Adaptive Additive Manufacturing.		

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<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CENTER	\$	19,290
Center for Studies in Emergency Management.		
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> ED CENTER FOR VOLUNTEERISM		33,226
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	\$	10,500
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
	\$	6,319,637
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS</b>		
	\$	234,912,797

**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$	78,096,098	\$	77,284,543
Other Personnel Costs		12,843,884		12,642,192
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)		104,301,604		105,725,589
Professional Fees and Services		19,684		6,433
Consumable Supplies		85,383		200,000
Utilities		259		700
Travel		31,902		35,060
Rent - Building		0		6,725
Rent - Machine and Other		0		30,000
Debt Service		17,970,244		17,971,814
Other Operating Expense		11,346,775		11,090,478
Client Services		0		83,500
Grants		8,337,333		8,337,333
Capital Expenditures		1,879,631		1,500,000
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>			\$	234,912,797
			\$	234,914,367

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	17,022,359	\$	18,169,991
Group Insurance		11,778,241		12,720,222
Social Security		15,416,510		16,279,835

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$ 44,217,110    \$ 47,170,048

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of North Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of North Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of North Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	61.7%	61.8%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	44.5%	44.5%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	78%	78.25%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	91.5%	92%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	41.7%	41.83%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	65.5%	65.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	35.6%	35.8%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	18.78%	18.13%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	60%	60%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	51.03	52.56
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.51%	7.51%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,056	6,056

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<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	24,743.71	24,743.71
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	60.13%	60.13%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	17,960.27	17,960.27
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	76.8%	76.8%

- 2. Academic or Policy Research Program.** The Board of Regents of the University of North Texas may use available funds or to enter into contracts, accept grants or matching grants for the purpose of establishing an academic or policy research program in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- 3. Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the University of North Texas may not transfer money appropriated under Strategy C.1.1, for the purpose of funding the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, for another purpose.
- 4. Center for Agile and Adaptive Additive Manufacturing.** Out of funds appropriated to University of North Texas in Strategy C.2.2, Center for Agile and Adaptive Additive Manufacturing, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Agile and Adaptive Additive Manufacturing.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 38,829,315	\$ 38,825,279
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 2,476,362	\$ 2,476,362
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>5,071,453</u>	<u>5,071,453</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u>\$ 7,547,815</u>	<u>\$ 7,547,815</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 46,377,130</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,373,094</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 48.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	363.7	363.7
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Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 14,314,949	\$ 14,314,949
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	224,854	224,854
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	420,054	420,054
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,520,686	1,520,686
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>868,341</u>	<u>868,341</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 17,348,884	\$ 17,348,884
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,891,034	\$ 1,891,034
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	15,091,848	15,087,812
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 18,299,449	\$ 18,295,413

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<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: EXPANSION FUNDING</b>	\$ 3,542,894	\$ 3,542,894
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: LAW SCHOOL</b>	1,453,499	1,453,499
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVE</b>	950,000	950,000
Student Mobility, Transfer and Success Initiative: Trailblazer Elite.		
<b>C.1.4. Strategy: CLASSROOM TO CAREER INITIATIVE</b>	3,000,000	3,000,000
<b>C.2. Objective: RESEARCH</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: CENTER FOR SOCIOECONOMIC MOBILITY</b>	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 1,750,000
Center for Socioeconomic Mobility through Education.		
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 10,696,393	\$ 10,696,393
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND</b>	\$ 32,404	\$ 32,404
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS</b>		
	\$ 46,377,130	\$ 46,373,094
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 15,774,195	\$ 15,132,370
Other Personnel Costs	1,446,823	1,192,830
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	10,829,168	11,768,679
Professional Fees and Services	275,000	275,000
Utilities	255,307	231,064
Travel	542	0
Debt Service	15,091,848	15,087,812
Other Operating Expense	1,183,561	1,164,653
Grants	1,520,686	1,520,686
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 46,377,130	\$ 46,373,094
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,531,696	\$ 2,785,478
Group Insurance	2,321,882	2,507,240
Social Security	2,300,641	2,429,477
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 7,154,219	\$ 7,722,195

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of North Texas at Dallas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of North Texas at Dallas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of North Texas at Dallas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	44.3%	45.2%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	34%	34.7%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen after One Academic Year	72.2%	73.6%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	52.6%	54.2%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	71.6%	71.6%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within 4 Years	68.2%	68.2%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	31.5%	31.5%

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Percent Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	32.4%	33%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Law Graduates	75.6%	77.1%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	9.41%	9.22%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,797	4,797
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	16,713	16,713
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	16.03%	15.87%

- 2. Expansion Funding - University of North Texas at Dallas.** It is the intent of the legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy C.1.1, Expansion Funding for the University of North Texas at Dallas will be phased out by one-fourth over the four biennia following the biennium the institution reaches 6,000 full-time student equivalents.
- 3. Law School.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Law School, \$1,453,499 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,453,499 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support operations of the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law, including the development of a new instructional model for student success.
- 4. Student Mobility, Transfer and Success Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Student Mobility, Transfer and Success Initiative, \$950,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026, and \$950,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027, shall be used to support and enhance student success initiatives at the University of North Texas at Dallas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year 2027.
- 5. Center for Socioeconomic Mobility.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of North Texas at Dallas in Strategy C.2.1, Center for Socioeconomic Mobility, \$1,750,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,750,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Socioeconomic Mobility. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 6. Classroom to Career Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.4, Classroom to Career Initiative, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Classroom to Career Initiative.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 56,955,151	\$ 56,963,901
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 24,036,403	\$ 24,036,403
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 80,991,554</u>	<u>\$ 81,000,304</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 34.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	545.3	545.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 27,792,329	\$ 27,792,329
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	518,695	518,695
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	2,596,568	2,596,568

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<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	208,312	208,312
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	2,387,378	2,387,378
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	54,970	54,970
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>993,547</u>	<u>993,547</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 34,551,799	\$ 34,551,799
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 5,832,606	\$ 5,832,606
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	12,701,650	12,710,400
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>331,248</u>	<u>331,248</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 18,865,504	\$ 18,874,254
<b>C. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW	\$ 155,372	\$ 155,372
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ACCREDITATION - BUSINESS	25,706	25,706
Accreditation Continuation - Business.		
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> ACCREDITATION - PHARMACY	25,928	25,928
Accreditation Continuation - Pharmacy.		
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> ACCREDITATION - EDUCATION	32,481	32,481
Accreditation Continuation - Education.		
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> TIGER FLEET MODERNIZATION	2,500,000	2,500,000
<b>C.1.6. Strategy:</b> TIGER SUCCESS UNLIMITED	2,250,000	2,250,000
Tiger Success Unlimited Texas Educator Excellence.		
<b>C.1.7. Strategy:</b> NURSING & MATERNAL-INFANT HEALTH	1,500,000	1,500,000
Center for Nursing Education, Research, and Maternal-Infant Health.		
<b>C.1.8. Strategy:</b> PHARMD SATELLITE CAMPUSES	4,537,050	4,537,050
<b>C.1.9. Strategy:</b> TIGER ONLINE LEARNING EXPANSION	1,500,000	1,500,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> MICKEY LELAND CENTER	\$ 36,146	\$ 36,146
Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> URBAN REDEVELOPMENT/RENEWAL	44,857	44,857
Urban Redevelopment and Renewal.		
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> TEXAS SUMMER ACADEMY	224,284	224,284
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> MIS/FISCAL OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 73,964</u>	<u>\$ 73,964</u>
Integrated Plan to Improve MIS and Fiscal Operations.		
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 12,905,788	\$ 12,905,788
<b>D. Goal:</b> ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE	\$ 13,990,262	\$ 13,990,262
<b>E. Goal:</b> RESEARCH FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 678,201</u>	<u>\$ 678,201</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 80,991,554</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 81,000,304</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 16,638,596	\$ 17,649,324
Other Personnel Costs	7,172,900	7,169,358
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	31,955,000	31,025,885
Professional Fees and Services	73,060	69,378
Consumable Supplies	41,908	42,071
Debt Service	12,701,650	12,710,400
Other Operating Expense	7,471,197	7,404,876
Grants	2,387,378	2,387,378

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Capital Expenditures	2,549,865	2,541,634
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 80,991,554</b>	<b>\$ 81,000,304</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 4,372,651	\$ 4,689,112
Group Insurance	5,413,541	5,846,231
Social Security	4,026,189	4,251,655
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 13,812,381</b>	<b>\$ 14,786,998</b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Southern University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Southern University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Southern University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	29%	32%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	14%	16%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	75%	75%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	100%	100%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	40.7%	40.7%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	55%	56%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	36%	37%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	27%	27%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Law Graduates	71%	71%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Pharmacy Graduates	87%	87%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	7	7
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	10.9%	10.9%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,586.65	4,586.65
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	32,492	32,492
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	80%	80%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	15,847	15,847
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	95.5%	95.5%

2. **Thurgood Marshall School of Law.** In addition to monies from the General Revenue Fund identified above for the operation and maintenance of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, all tuition and fee revenues generated through enrollment in the School of Law, including Texas Public Education Grants and Emergency Loans under Education Code, Chapter 56 (Student Financial Aid Assistance), shall be allocated for use by the School of Law and may only be expended for purposes related to the operation and maintenance of the School of Law and its students.

3. **Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$30,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

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- 4. Academic Development Initiative.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Academic Development Initiative, in the amount of \$13,990,262 in fiscal year 2026 and \$13,990,262 in fiscal year 2027, are to be used for (1) proven academic success programs; (2) existing graduate programs; (3) undergraduate education; and (4) initiatives to target enrollment growth. The University shall submit to the Texas Southern University Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report describing the use of the funds appropriated that states the goals to be achieved through use of the funds and established timelines and milestones for showing progress in meeting the goals. The report shall include proposed actions to be taken in the event a milestone is not met. The report shall be due with the submission of the Legislative Appropriations Request in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and which documents the year the funding was established, the mission of programs funded with the appropriation, major accomplishments achieved, future goals, and the impact on programs should funding be discontinued. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) appropriated by the Legislature for the Academic Development Initiative, are appropriated to Texas Southern University for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 5. Tiger Fleet Modernization.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, Tiger Fleet Modernization, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support aircraft fleet modernization. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 17(j), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for the Tiger Fleet Modernization at Texas Southern University and that such appropriation may be used for the construction of such facilities.
- 6. Tiger Success Unlimited.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Tiger Success Unlimited, \$2,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Tiger Success Unlimited Texas Educator Excellence program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 7. Center for Nursing Education, Research, and Maternal-Infant Health.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.7, Nursing & Maternal-Infant Health, \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Center for Nursing Education, Research, and Maternal-Infant Health program. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 8. PharmD Satellite Campuses.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.8, PharmD Satellite Campuses, \$4,537,050 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,537,050 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to enhance pharmacy programs at satellite campuses to address the need for healthcare professionals in Texas. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 9. Tiger Online Learning Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.9, Tiger Online Learning Expansion, \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support online learning expansion. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,299,600	\$ 1,299,600
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 4.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	74.3	74.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$ 1,299,600	\$ 1,299,600
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,299,600	\$ 1,299,600
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>	<u>\$ 1,299,600</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 583,196	\$ 655,096
Group Insurance	955,461	1,031,897
Social Security	<u>434,539</u>	<u>458,873</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,973,196	\$ 2,145,866
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 384,015</u>	<u>\$ 412,923</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 2,357,211</u>	<u>\$ 2,558,789</u>

**1. Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$125,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

**2. Aircraft Authorized.** The Texas Tech University System Administration is authorized to acquire, operate and maintain, including replacing, one passenger airplane. Such airplane should be acquired by gift, if possible, but may be acquired by purchase subject to the authority under Government Code, Chapter 2205. All costs of acquisition, operation and maintenance, including replacement, shall be paid for out of institutional funds as defined by Texas Administrative Code. In the event that a temporary need arises, the Texas Tech University may expend institutional funds for the lease or rental of an aircraft on an as-needed basis.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 209,568,266	\$ 205,489,930
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 8,922,865	\$ 8,922,865
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>56,921,415</u>	<u>56,921,415</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 65,844,280	\$ 65,844,280
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 275,447,546</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 271,369,210</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 23.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	2,776.5	2,776.5
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 187,871,883	\$ 187,871,883
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	2,866,790	2,866,790
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	6,591,252	6,591,252
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	471,602	471,602
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	7,412,151	7,412,151
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	<u>575,000</u>	<u>575,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 205,788,678	\$ 205,788,678
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 32,971,294	\$ 32,971,294
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>15,667,534</u>	<u>11,589,198</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 48,638,828	\$ 44,560,492
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> LIBRARY ARCHIVAL SUPPORT	\$ 335,396	\$ 335,396
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> VETERINARY MEDICINE	11,041,250	11,041,250
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH	\$ 1,251,879	\$ 1,251,879
Research to Enhance Ag Production & Add Value to Ag Products in Texas.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> ENERGY RESEARCH	433,290	433,290
Research in Energy Production and Environmental Protection in Texas.		
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH	243,480	243,480
Research in Emerging Technologies and Economic Development in Texas.		
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> TX PRODUCED WATER CONSORTIUM	2,500,000	2,500,000
Texas Produced Water Consortium.		
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> JUNCTION ANNEX OPERATION	\$ 100,724	\$ 100,724
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> HILL COUNTRY EDUCATIONAL NETWORK	177,091	177,091
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	837,432	837,432
Small Business Development Center.		
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> MUSEUMS & CENTERS	957,046	957,046
Museums and Historical, Cultural, and Educational Centers.		

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<b>C.3.5. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	107,452	107,452
<b>C.3.6. Strategy:</b> WEST TX AG & URBAN WATER INITIATIVE	3,000,000	3,000,000
West Texas Agricultural and Urban Water Sustainability Initiative.		
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 21,020,040	\$ 21,020,040
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY</b>	<u>\$ 275,447,546</u>	<u>\$ 271,369,210</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 92,500,158	\$ 91,979,143
Other Personnel Costs	9,292,140	9,300,647
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	139,920,505	140,421,253
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,385,326	1,388,850
Professional Fees and Services	758,378	758,378
Fuels and Lubricants	1,777	1,777
Consumable Supplies	331,457	331,457
Utilities	64,516	64,516
Travel	75,324	75,324
Rent - Building	26,948	26,948
Rent - Machine and Other	8,950	8,950
Debt Service	15,667,534	11,589,198
Other Operating Expense	4,946,395	4,954,631
Grants	7,412,151	7,412,151
Capital Expenditures	<u>3,055,987</u>	<u>3,055,987</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 275,447,546</u>	<u>\$ 271,369,210</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 21,125,264	\$ 22,784,576
Group Insurance	30,636,772	33,086,472
Social Security	<u>18,500,612</u>	<u>19,536,646</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 70,262,648</u>	<u>\$ 75,407,694</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Tech University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Tech University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Tech University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	64%	64%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	49%	49%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	85%	85%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	97%	97%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	27%	27%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	70%	70%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	44%	44%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	24%	24%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Law Graduates	93%	93%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	60%	60%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	89.4	89.4

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<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.4%	7.4%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,731	5,731
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	30,547	30,547
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	48%	48%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	13,903	13,903
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	78%	78%

2. **Veterinary Medicine.** Texas Tech University may use funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Veterinary Medicine, to continue curriculum design and development, implementation of the four-year veterinary medicine program, recruitment of subject-matter expert faculty, and programmatic activities that enhance access to high-quality veterinary education and veterinary care to Texans.
3. **Produced Water Consortium.** Included in amounts above in Strategy C.2.4, TX Produced Water Consortium, \$2,500,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium are appropriated to Texas Tech University to support the Texas Produced Water Consortium.
4. **West Texas Agricultural and Urban Water Sustainability Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.3.6, West Texas Agricultural and Urban Water Sustainability Initiative, \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the West Texas Agricultural and Urban Water Sustainability Initiative. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 36,837,573	\$ 36,975,323
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,455,772	\$ 1,455,772
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	10,992,139	10,992,139
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 12,447,911	\$ 12,447,911
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 1,833	\$ 1,833
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 49,287,317</u>	<u>\$ 49,425,067</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 31.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	431.9	431.9
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<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 24,485,945	\$ 24,485,945
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	803,948	803,948
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,218,554	2,218,554
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	1,626,617	1,626,617
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	157,716	157,716
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	985,861	985,861
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 30,278,641	\$ 30,278,641

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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$	4,211,390	\$	4,211,390
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		<u>4,821,625</u>		<u>4,819,375</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$	9,033,015	\$	9,030,765

**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	\$	197,378	\$	197,378
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH College of Nursing & Allied Health-Ctr Rural Health, Wellness & Rehab.		569,869		569,869
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> COMMERCIAL AVIATION Commercial Aviation Program.		1,000,000		1,000,000
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR AI Center of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence.		7,000,000		7,140,000

**C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE**

<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$	92,290	\$	92,290
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> MGT/INSTRUCTION/RESEARCH CENTER Management, Instruction, and Research Center.		116,820		116,820
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> CYBERSECURITY PROJECT		250,000		250,000

**C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> FRESHMAN COLLEGE	\$	696,506	\$	696,506
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS		<u>1,833</u>		<u>1,833</u>

<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$	9,924,696	\$	10,064,696
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**D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$	<u>50,965</u>	\$	<u>50,965</u>
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<b>Grand Total, ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	\$	<u>49,287,317</u>	\$	<u>49,425,067</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$	13,780,899	\$	14,526,262
Other Personnel Costs		498,690		498,502
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)		18,750,193		18,993,248
Professional Fees and Services		121,874		22,106
Fuels and Lubricants		8,046		0
Consumable Supplies		98,921		55,422
Utilities		805,424		377,575
Travel		82,519		79,289
Rent - Building		23,740		5,532
Rent - Machine and Other		48,487		45,411
Debt Service		4,821,625		4,819,375
Other Operating Expense		7,828,396		8,342,987
Grants		1,626,617		1,626,617
Capital Expenditures		<u>791,886</u>		<u>32,741</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$	<u>49,287,317</u>	\$	<u>49,425,067</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	3,286,390	\$	3,524,394
Group Insurance		7,073,689		7,639,405
Social Security		<u>2,937,766</u>		<u>3,102,281</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$	<u>13,297,845</u>	\$	<u>14,266,080</u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Angelo State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended

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mission of the Angelo State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Angelo State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	41%	41%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	31%	31%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	71%	72%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	70%	70%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	45%	45%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	50%	50%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	35%	35%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	40%	40%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	90%	90%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	0.2	0.2
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	9%	9%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,792	4,792
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	24,900	24,900
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	60%	60%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	10,500	10,500
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	90%	90%

2. **Freshman College.** Out of funds appropriated to Angelo State University in Strategy C.3.1, Freshman College, \$696,506 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$696,506 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Freshman College.
3. **Cybersecurity Project.** Out of funds appropriated to Angelo State University in Strategy C.2.3, Cybersecurity Project, \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Cybersecurity Project.
4. **Commercial Aviation Program.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.3, Commercial Aviation Program, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Commercial Aviation Program.
5. **Center of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, Center of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence, \$7,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,140,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Center of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 26,757,675	\$ 26,764,799
<b>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</b>		
Midwestern University Special Mineral Account No. 412	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	726,676	726,676

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	5,240,366	5,240,366
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 5,975,042	\$ 5,975,042
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 32,732,717</u>	<u>\$ 32,739,841</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 26.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	318.2	318.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 12,886,633	\$ 12,886,633
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	553,460	553,460
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	898,928	898,928
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	28,720	28,719
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	787,672	787,672
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>922,458</u>	<u>922,458</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 16,077,871	\$ 16,077,870
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 2,782,239	\$ 2,782,239
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	8,383,225	8,390,350
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,234,413</u>	<u>1,234,413</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 12,399,877	\$ 12,407,002
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STEM EXPANSION & CTR FOR EXCELLENCE	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000
Stem Expansion & Center for Excellence.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> STUDENT SUCCESS & MILITARY EDU CTR	2,839,839	2,839,839
Student Success and Military Education Support Center.		
<b>C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 93,299	\$ 93,299
<b>C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> SPECIAL MINERAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 8,000</u>	<u>\$ 8,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 4,141,138	\$ 4,141,138
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 113,831</u>	<u>\$ 113,831</u>
<b>Grand Total, MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<u>\$ 32,732,717</u>	<u>\$ 32,739,841</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,783,001	\$ 8,926,354
Other Personnel Costs	1,128,135	1,535,824
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	11,356,656	10,852,260
Professional Fees and Services	42,295	0
Consumable Supplies	0	2,390
Utilities	14,245	12,418
Debt Service	8,383,225	8,390,350
Other Operating Expense	2,228,288	2,208,671
Client Services	9,200	0

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Grants	787,672	787,672
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>23,902</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,732,717</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 32,739,841</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,715,969	\$ 1,850,694
Group Insurance	4,650,473	5,022,413
Social Security	<u>1,619,583</u>	<u>1,710,280</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,986,025</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,583,387</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Midwestern State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Midwestern State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Midwestern State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	42%	42%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	25%	25%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	63%	63%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	82%	82%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	46%	46%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	63%	63%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	28%	28%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	55%	55%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	88%	88%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	0.8	0.8
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.5%	7.5%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,070	5,070
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	27,000	27,000
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	64%	64%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	13,000	13,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	75%	75%

**2. Appropriation of Special Mineral Fund.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, in the Midwestern State University Special Mineral Fund (GR-Dedicated Fund 412), estimated to be \$0, and included in the amounts appropriated above, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any balances in Fund 412 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Fund 412 revenues are estimated to be \$8,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,000 in fiscal year 2027.

**3. STEM Expansion & Center for Excellence.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.1, STEM Expansion & Center for Excellence, \$1,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the expansion of STEM programs and the STEM Center for Excellence.

**4. Student Success and Military Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Student Success and Military Education Support Center, \$2,839,839 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,839,839 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year



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2027 shall be used for the Student Success and Military Education Support Center. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds	2.0	2.0
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
A.1.1. Strategy: SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
Grand Total, TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 265,526	\$ 265,526
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 10,536	\$ 11,625
Social Security	13,438	14,190
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 23,974	\$ 25,815

1. **Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$35,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 78,333,994	\$ 78,332,619
General Revenue Fund - Dedicated		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 5,281,253	\$ 5,281,253

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>17,438,525</u>	<u>17,438,525</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ <u>22,719,778</u>	\$ <u>22,719,778</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	\$ <u><u>101,053,772</u></u>	\$ <u><u>101,052,397</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 34.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	919.3	919.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 58,678,232	\$ 58,678,232
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	779,069	779,069
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	2,152,374	2,152,374
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	285,000	285,000
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	2,144,899	2,144,899
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,636,545</u>	<u>1,636,545</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 65,676,119	\$ 65,676,119
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 6,894,482	\$ 6,894,482
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>13,237,525</u>	<u>13,236,150</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 20,132,007	\$ 20,130,632
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ONLINE NURSING EDUCATION	\$ 85,904	\$ 85,904
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> NURSING FACULTY RECRUIT & RETAIN	1,500,000	1,500,000
Nursing Faculty Recruitment And Retention.		
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> NUTRITION RESEARCH PROGRAM	\$ 9,609	\$ 9,609
Human Nutrition Research Development Program.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH CENTER	500,000	500,000
Center for Research on Women's Health.		
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP	\$ 8,193,918	\$ 8,193,918
Center for Women's Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.		
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> FRONTIERS BRIDGE PROGRAM	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
Frontiers Bridge Program For Foster Youth.		
<b>C.4.2. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL TRANSFORMATION	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 14,789,431	\$ 14,789,431
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	\$ <u>456,215</u>	\$ <u>456,215</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY</b>	\$ <u><u>101,053,772</u></u>	\$ <u><u>101,052,397</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,463,888	\$ 30,357,961
Other Personnel Costs	3,078,264	2,906,409
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	37,127,014	39,285,425
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	7,713,820	4,862,614
Professional Fees and Services	1,468,710	1,201,708

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Fuels and Lubricants	0	25
Consumable Supplies	270,241	317,954
Utilities	3,317	1,001,057
Travel	89,380	124,560
Rent - Building	70,520	46,985
Rent - Machine and Other	47,204	28,939
Debt Service	13,237,525	13,236,150
Other Operating Expense	3,137,348	3,327,785
Client Services	1,145,898	2,131,179
Grants	2,144,899	2,144,899
Capital Expenditures	<u>55,744</u>	<u>78,747</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 101,053,772</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 101,052,397</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 6,272,682	\$ 6,832,733
Group Insurance	9,508,500	10,268,993
Social Security	<u>6,193,517</u>	<u>6,540,355</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,974,699</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,642,081</u></b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Woman's University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Woman's University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Woman's University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	47.41%	47.64%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	31.75%	32.63%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	72.4%	72.12%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	100%	100%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	58.54%	59.56%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	74.12%	75.9%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	34.9%	35.9%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	28.06%	27.76%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	97.23%	96.92%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in		
Millions)	7.6	8.5
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	11.72%	11.01%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,716	5,874
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	22,131	22,230
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	51.55%	49.57%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	11,383	11,634
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	87.07%	87.4%

**2. Center for Women's Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.** Out of funds appropriated above to Strategy C.3.1, Center for Women's Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy, \$8,193,918 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,193,918 in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Women's Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy.

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Any unexpended balances (estimated to be \$0) from appropriations to the Center for Women’s Leadership in Business, Politics, and Public Policy for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,279,600	\$ 2,279,600
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 16% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	15.0	15.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	\$ 1,299,600	\$ 1,299,600
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	\$ 980,000	\$ 980,000
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,275,100	\$ 1,275,100
Other Personnel Costs	11,749	11,749
Debt Service	980,000	980,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>12,751</u>	<u>12,751</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>	<u>\$ 2,279,600</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 131,332	\$ 148,244
Group Insurance	271,937	293,693
Social Security	<u>103,292</u>	<u>109,076</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 506,561</u>	<u>\$ 551,013</u>

**1. Audit of Base Period Contact Hours.** The hours used in the contact hour base period to fund the Lamar State Colleges are subject to audit for accuracy by the State Auditor according to an audit plan developed in consultation with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board and community, technical, and state colleges, and the appropriation amounts adjusted accordingly by the Comptroller of Public Accounts at the direction of the Legislative Budget Board. The total amount appropriated to the two year institutions' contact hour formula shall be redistributed to all institutions funded by the formula based on contact hours. The calculation of revised appropriation amounts shall allow each institution an error rate of up to 2 percent of the total contact hour formula appropriations to that institution for the biennium. Adjustments shall be made to appropriated amounts in accordance with adjustments of estimated contact hours to actual certified contact hours, even if the total error rate is less than 2 percent of the total amount appropriated to the institution for the biennium.

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- 2. Transferability.** The Board of Regents of the Texas State University System may transfer and utilize funds appropriated to Sul Ross State University and Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College between the campuses if necessary to accomplish the capital improvement goals of the University.
- 3. Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$85,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging, and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

- 4. Aircraft Authorized.** The Texas State University System Administration is authorized to acquire, operate and maintain, including replacing, one passenger airplane. Such airplane should be acquired by gift, if possible, but may be acquired by purchase subject to the authority under Government Code, Chapter 2205. All costs of acquisition, operation and maintenance, including replacement, shall be paid for out of institutional funds as defined by Texas Administrative Code. In the event that a temporary need arises, the Texas State University may expend institutional funds for the lease or rental of an aircraft on an as-needed basis.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 69,994,574	\$ 69,995,074
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 22,235,788	\$ 22,235,788
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 92,230,362</u>	<u>\$ 92,230,862</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 34.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	965.2	965.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 56,862,022	\$ 56,862,022
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1,029,729	1,029,729
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	3,318,680	3,318,680
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	2,589,438	2,589,438
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>1,324,332</u>	<u>1,324,332</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 65,124,201	\$ 65,124,201
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 7,192,261	\$ 7,192,261
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>8,872,750</u>	<u>8,873,250</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 16,065,011	\$ 16,065,511

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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT**

**C.1.1. Strategy: ACADEMY IN HUMANITIES**

LEADERSHIP \$ 141,074 \$ 141,074

Texas Academy of Leadership in the Humanities.

**C.1.2. Strategy: INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY,**

PETROCHEMICAL 5,000,000 5,000,000

Institute For Energy And Petrochemical

Industries' Engineering Needs.

**C.2. Objective: RESEARCH**

**C.2.1. Strategy: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE RESEARCH**

CENTER \$ 132,858 \$ 132,858

Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center.

**C.2.2. Strategy: AIR QUALITY INITIATIVE**

214,700 214,700

Air Quality Initiative: Texas Hazardous Waste

Research Center.

**C.2.3. Strategy: CENTER-ADVANCES IN STUDY PORT**

MGMT 897,016 897,016

Center for Advances in Study of Port Management.

**C.2.4. Strategy: CENTER FOR WATER AND AIR**

QUALITY 362,764 362,764

**C.2.5. Strategy: CENTER FOR MIDSTREAM MANAGEMENT**

902,500 902,500

The Center for Midstream Management and Science.

**C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE**

**C.3.1. Strategy: SPINDLETOP MUSEUM EDUC'AL**

ACTIVITY \$ 13,515 \$ 13,515

Spindletop Museum Educational Activities.

**C.3.2. Strategy: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

CENTER 82,425 82,425

**C.3.3. Strategy: COMMUNITY OUTREACH EXPANSION**

36,082 36,082

Public Service/Community Outreach Expansion.

**C.3.4. Strategy: CENTER FOR RESILIENCY**

2,500,000 2,500,000

**C.3.5. Strategy: SETX HEALTH & WELLNESS OUTREACH**

375,000 375,000

Southeast Texas Health & Wellness Outreach.

**Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT** \$ 10,657,934 \$ 10,657,934

**D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS**

**D.1.1. Strategy: COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND** \$ 383,216 \$ 383,216

**Grand Total, LAMAR UNIVERSITY** \$ 92,230,362 \$ 92,230,862

**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages \$ 30,116,594 \$ 29,703,638

Other Personnel Costs 3,728,283 4,373,204

Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only) 36,508,763 36,854,251

Professional Fees and Services 212,200 162,275

Consumable Supplies 33,000 28,000

Utilities 4,280,602 4,277,951

Travel 88,750 93,000

Debt Service 8,872,750 8,873,250

Other Operating Expense 4,157,482 3,749,355

Grants 2,589,438 2,589,438

Capital Expenditures 1,642,500 1,526,500

**Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing** \$ 92,230,362 \$ 92,230,862

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement \$ 5,923,138 \$ 6,524,180

Group Insurance 10,953,982 11,830,302

Social Security 6,754,349 7,132,593

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act**

\$ 23,631,469 \$ 25,487,075

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Lamar University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission

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of the Lamar University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Lamar University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	42.43%	45.09%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen		
Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	20.3%	21%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking		
Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	68.4%	71%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	76.1%	80.7%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation		
College Graduates	58.76%	59.37%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Four Years	66.3%	67.8%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer		
Students Who Graduate within Two Years	27.1%	28.1%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by		
Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	48.9%	49.4%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	48.9%	50.6%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	98.3%	99.4%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	6.69	6.83
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	13%	14%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees		
For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,286	5,233
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	23,442	22,476.6
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	45.68%	43.17%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	15,184.2	15,621.7
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	84.63%	84.52%

- 2. Port Management.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.2.3, Center for Advances in Study of Port Management, \$897,016 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$897,016 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Advances in the Study of Port Management.
- 3. Center for Water and Air Quality.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.2.4, Center for Water and Air Quality, \$362,764 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$362,764 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Water and Air Quality.
- 4. Center for Midstream Management.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.2.5, Center for Midstream Management, \$902,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$902,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Center for Midstream Management.
- 5. Center for Resiliency.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar University in Strategy C.3.4, Center for Resiliency, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Resiliency.
- 6. Southeast Texas Health & Wellness Outreach.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy C.3.5, Southeast Texas Health & Wellness Outreach, \$375,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$375,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Southeast Texas Health & Wellness Outreach Program.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 28,596,374	\$ 28,596,368

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GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 3,250,545	\$ 3,250,545
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 31,846,919</u>	<u>\$ 31,846,913</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 69.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	366.5	366.5
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC EDUCATION	\$ 9,823,887	\$ 9,823,887
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION	12,483,276	12,483,276
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	410,840	410,840
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>409,338</u>	<u>409,338</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 23,127,341	\$ 23,127,341
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 2,095,533	\$ 2,095,533
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	3,634,770	3,634,764
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,127,771</u>	<u>1,127,771</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 6,858,074	\$ 6,858,068
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> WORKFORCE TRAINING/EDUCATION Workforce Training and Education Expansion.	\$ 265,238	\$ 265,238
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ASSOCIATE ARTS DEGREE	155,642	155,642
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> PROFESSIONAL TRUCK DRIVING ACADEMY	550,000	550,000
<b>C.2. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 890,624</u>	<u>\$ 890,624</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 1,861,504</u>	<u>\$ 1,861,504</u>
<b>Grand Total, LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY</b>	<u>\$ 31,846,919</u>	<u>\$ 31,846,913</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,022,972	\$ 9,179,653
Other Personnel Costs	410,840	410,840
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	14,453,818	14,605,381
Professional Fees and Services	186,048	185,846
Rent - Building	144,005	143,849
Debt Service	3,634,770	3,634,764
Other Operating Expense	2,557,595	2,248,552
Grants	409,338	409,338
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,027,533</u>	<u>1,028,690</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 31,846,919</u>	<u>\$ 31,846,913</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,558,286	\$ 1,730,079
Group Insurance	2,227,874	2,406,007
Social Security	<u>1,183,978</u>	<u>1,250,281</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 4,970,138</u>	<u>\$ 5,386,367</u>



LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Lamar Institute of Technology. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Lamar Institute of Technology. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Lamar Institute of Technology shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Courses Completed	98%	98%
Percent of Contact Hours Taught by Full-time Faculty	59%	59%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Math	47%	47%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Writing	32%	32%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Reading	27%	27%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ACADEMIC EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	13%	13%

2. **Workforce Training and Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar Institute of Technology in Strategy C.1.1, Workforce Training and Education Expansion, \$265,238 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$265,238 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for workforce training and education expansion.

3. **Associate Arts Degree.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar Institute of Technology in Strategy C.1.2, Associate Arts Degree, \$155,642 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$155,642 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for an Associate Arts Degree program.

4. **Professional Truck Driving Academy.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar Institute of Technology in Strategy C.1.3, Professional Truck Driving Academy, \$550,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$550,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for a Professional Truck Driving Academy.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 20,570,856	\$ 20,573,112
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 1,799,506	\$ 1,799,506
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 22,370,362</u>	<u>\$ 22,372,618</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	160.5	160.5
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ACADEMIC EDUCATION</b>	\$ 6,256,702	\$ 6,256,702
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION</b>	7,330,982	7,330,982
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	153,769	153,769
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>296,610</u>	<u>296,610</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 14,038,063	\$ 14,038,063

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B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Provide Infrastructure Support.		
B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,296,441	\$ 1,296,441
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS	3,598,790	3,601,046
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 6,211,798	\$ 6,214,054

C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT

Provide Non-formula Support.		
C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.1.1. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 327,290	\$ 327,290
C.2. Objective: RESEARCH		
C.2.1. Strategy: MARITIME TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	\$ 198,591	\$ 198,591
C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
C.3.1. Strategy: INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 1,594,620</u>	<u>\$ 1,594,620</u>
Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	<u>\$ 2,120,501</u>	<u>\$ 2,120,501</u>
Grand Total, LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE	<u><u>\$ 22,370,362</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,372,618</u></u>

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,988,216	\$ 8,211,662
Other Personnel Costs	633,497	1,600,501
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	5,700,814	5,923,765
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	343,120	406,877
Professional Fees and Services	800,065	0
Consumable Supplies	74,342	72,608
Utilities	1,356,467	1,327,719
Rent - Machine and Other	1,865	1,988
Debt Service	3,598,790	3,601,046
Other Operating Expense	931,079	886,468
Grants	296,610	296,610
Capital Expenditures	<u>645,497</u>	<u>43,374</u>
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	<u><u>\$ 22,370,362</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,372,618</u></u>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 1,033,313	\$ 1,147,712
Group Insurance	1,604,593	1,732,960
Social Security	<u>801,879</u>	<u>846,785</u>
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	<u><u>\$ 3,439,785</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,727,457</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Lamar State College - Orange. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Lamar State College - Orange. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Lamar State College - Orange shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Courses Completed	95.5%	95.5%
Number of Students Who Transfer to a University	390	390
Percent of Contact Hours Taught by Full-time Faculty	62%	62%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Math	37%	36%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Writing	39%	38%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI		
Obligation in Reading	46%	45%
A.1.1. Strategy: ACADEMIC EDUCATION		
Efficiencies:		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	12%	13%

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - ORANGE  
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2. **Allied Health Programs.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Orange in Strategy C.1.1, Allied Health Programs, \$327,290 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$327,290 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Allied Health Programs.
3. **Maritime Technology Program.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Orange in Strategy C.2.1, Maritime Technology Program, \$198,591 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$198,591 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Maritime Technology Program.

LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - PORT ARTHUR

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 25,534,083	\$ 25,536,384
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 1,804,815	\$ 1,804,815
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 27,338,898</u>	<u>\$ 27,341,199</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 63.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	313.2	313.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC EDUCATION	\$ 7,065,488	\$ 7,065,488
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION	9,272,510	9,272,510
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	297,359	297,359
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>130,140</u>	<u>130,140</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 16,765,497	\$ 16,765,497
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,798,660	\$ 1,798,660
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	4,420,281	4,422,582
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 7,535,508	\$ 7,537,809
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 950,000	\$ 950,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 149,300	\$ 149,300
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 1,938,593</u>	<u>\$ 1,938,593</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 3,037,893</u>	<u>\$ 3,037,893</u>
<b>Grand Total, LAMAR STATE COLLEGE - PORT ARTHUR</b>	<u>\$ 27,338,898</u>	<u>\$ 27,341,199</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,908,212	\$ 9,073,727
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	5,211,329	5,416,984

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Utilities	550,275	403,383
Debt Service	4,420,281	4,422,582
Other Operating Expense	5,356,047	4,337,496
Grants	130,140	130,140
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,762,614</u>	<u>3,556,887</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ <u>27,338,898</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>27,341,199</u></b>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 976,767	\$ 1,079,011
Group Insurance	1,904,357	2,056,605
Social Security	<u>947,263</u>	<u>1,000,309</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act**

<b>\$ <u>3,828,387</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>4,135,925</u></b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Lamar State College - Port Arthur. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Lamar State College - Port Arthur. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Lamar State College - Port Arthur shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Courses Completed	99.4%	99.4%
Number of Students Who Transfer to a University	440	440
Percent of Contact Hours Taught by Full-time Faculty	75.75%	75.75%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI Obligation in Math	27.2%	27.2%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI Obligation in Writing	34.5%	34.5%
Percentage of Underprepared Students Who Satisfy a TSI Obligation in Reading	39%	39%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ACADEMIC EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	14.5%	14.5%

**2. Allied Health Programs.** Out of funds appropriated to Lamar State College - Port Arthur in Strategy C.1.1, Allied Health Programs, \$950,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$950,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Allied Health Programs.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 79,715,400	\$ 79,715,380
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Law Enforcement Management Institute Account No. 581, estimated	\$ 6,198,000	\$ 2,517,000
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	2,296,718	2,296,718
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	22,588,330	22,588,330
Correctional Management Institute of Texas Account No. 5083, estimated	<u>3,131,000</u>	<u>1,455,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 34,214,048	\$ 28,857,048

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License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 113,932,448</u>	<u>\$ 108,575,428</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 23% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,083.4	1,083.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 57,983,857	\$ 57,983,857
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	2,060,927	2,060,927
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	4,409,848	4,409,848
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	167,420	167,420
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	4,071,873	4,071,873
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	143,512	143,512
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>3,016,044</u>	<u>3,016,044</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 71,853,481	\$ 71,853,481
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 11,156,910	\$ 11,156,910
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>13,251,309</u>	<u>13,251,289</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 24,408,219	\$ 24,408,199
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS	\$ 961,754	\$ 961,754
<b>C.2. Objective: RESEARCH</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> HOMELAND SECURITY INSTITUTE	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
<b>C.3. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE</b>		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> SAM HOUSTON MUSEUM	\$ 176,056	\$ 176,056
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CTR	151,200	151,200
Center for Business and Economic Development.		
<b>C.3.3. Strategy:</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT MGT INSTITUTE	9,261,273	5,580,273
Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas.		
<b>C.3.4. Strategy:</b> CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE	3,131,000	1,455,000
Criminal Justice Correctional Management Institute of Texas.		
<b>C.3.5. Strategy:</b> CRIME VICTIMS' INSTITUTE	148,840	148,840
<b>C.3.6. Strategy:</b> FORENSIC TRAINING CENTER	500,000	500,000
<b>C.4. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 16,833,123	\$ 11,476,123
<b>D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 837,625</u>	<u>\$ 837,625</u>
<b>Grand Total, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<u>\$ 113,932,448</u>	<u>\$ 108,575,428</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 38,664,905	\$ 37,261,196
Other Personnel Costs	4,555,359	1,925,396
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	42,280,649	42,063,273
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	60,750	0
Professional Fees and Services	262,296	214,847

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Fuels and Lubricants	6,033	4,951
Consumable Supplies	319,519	241,666
Utilities	63,444	64,087
Travel	101,421	127,406
Rent - Building	1,149,557	834,980
Rent - Machine and Other	49,603	104,066
Debt Service	13,251,309	13,251,289
Other Operating Expense	8,684,801	8,262,636
Grants	4,071,873	4,071,873
Capital Expenditures	<u>410,929</u>	<u>147,762</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 113,932,448</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 108,575,428</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 7,129,968	\$ 7,674,765
Group Insurance	9,693,677	10,468,670
Social Security	<u>5,570,788</u>	<u>5,882,752</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,394,433</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 24,026,187</u></b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Sam Houston State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Sam Houston State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Sam Houston State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	61.5%	63%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	38%	39%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	77%	78%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	87%	87%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	56%	56%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	72%	72%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	43%	43%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	43%	43%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	11.5	12
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.6%	7.5%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,693	5,693
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	36,806	39,566
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	80.3%	81.9%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	14,763	15,058
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	79.9%	81.5%

**2. Criminal Justice Correctional Management Institute of Texas Fund.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, in the Criminal Justice Correctional Management of Texas Fund (GR-Dedicated Fund 5083), estimated to be \$1,676,000 and included in amounts above, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any balances in Fund 5083 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Fund 5083 revenues are estimated to be \$1,455,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,455,000 in fiscal year 2027.

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- 3. Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Fund.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, in the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas Fund (GR-Dedicated Fund 581), estimated to be \$3,681,000, and included in amounts above, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any balances in Fund 581 remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Fund 581 revenues are estimated to be \$2,517,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,517,000 in fiscal year 2027.
- 4. Allied Health Programs.** Out of funds appropriated to Sam Houston State University in Strategy C.1.1, Allied Health Programs, \$961,754 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$961,754 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Allied Health Programs.
- 5. Homeland Security Institute.** Out of funds appropriated to Sam Houston State University in Strategy C.2.1, Homeland Security Institute, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Homeland Security Institute.
- 6. Forensic Training Center.** Out of funds appropriated to Sam Houston State University in Strategy C.3.6, Forensic Training Center, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Forensic Training Center and increase enrollment in Forensic Science programs by a minimum of 10 additional students.

TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 146,869,470	\$ 146,809,689
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 3,324,472	\$ 3,324,472
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>48,035,054</u>	<u>48,035,054</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 51,359,526	\$ 51,359,526
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>\$ 7,946</u>	<u>\$ 7,946</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 198,236,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 198,177,161</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 18.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,986.6	1,986.6
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 107,908,323	\$ 107,908,323
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT</b>	2,282,887	2,282,887
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	7,693,860	7,693,860
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	480,383	480,383
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	6,861,565	6,861,565
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>1,593,145</u>	<u>1,593,145</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 126,820,163	\$ 126,820,163
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 22,671,670	\$ 22,671,670
Educational and General Space Support.		

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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>24,105,879</u>	<u>24,101,098</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 46,777,549	\$ 46,772,768
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b> Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ROUND ROCK HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER	\$ 101,278	\$ 101,278
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ALERRT Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training.	9,235,000	9,180,000
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> EDWARDS AQUIFER RESEARCH CENTER Edwards Aquifer Research and Data Center.	\$ 44,330	\$ 44,330
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> MATERIALS APPLICATION RESEARCH CNTR Materials Application Research Center.	2,707,500	2,707,500
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER	9,715,172	9,715,172
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> CTR. FOR HEALTH & ECON. RESILIENCY Center For Community Health & Economic Resiliency Research.	2,550,000	2,550,000
<b>C.2.5. Strategy:</b> FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY CENTE Forensic Anthropology Center.	150,000	150,000
<b>C.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 128,004	\$ 128,004
<b>C.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>7,946</u>	<u>7,946</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 24,639,230</u>	<u>\$ 24,584,230</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<u><u>\$ 198,236,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 198,177,161</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 53,517,323	\$ 57,290,335
Other Personnel Costs	8,707,353	8,174,243
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	91,784,899	87,978,126
Utilities	149,259	110,356
Travel	417,110	626,000
Debt Service	24,105,879	24,101,098
Other Operating Expense	12,029,689	12,625,438
Grants	6,861,565	6,861,565
Capital Expenditures	<u>663,865</u>	<u>410,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 198,236,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 198,177,161</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 12,333,040	\$ 13,248,495
Group Insurance	21,412,010	23,123,963
Social Security	<u>11,848,520</u>	<u>12,512,037</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 45,593,570</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 48,884,495</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.



TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	58%	58%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	38%	38%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	80%	80%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	82.5%	82.5%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	43%	43%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	64%	64%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two years	35%	35%
Percent of Lower Division Courses Taught by Tenured or Tenure - Track Faculty	20%	20%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Engineering Graduates	70%	70%
State Licensure Pass Rate of Nursing Graduates	97.5%	97.5%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	60	60
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7%	7%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,250	6,250
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	25,500	25,500
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	65%	65%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	15,250	15,250
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	80%	80%

- 2. Center for Excellence for Community Health and Economic Resiliency Research.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas State University in Strategy C.2.4, Center for Excellence for Community Health and Economic Resiliency Research, \$2,550,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,550,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Center for Community Health and Economic Resiliency Research.
- 3. Forensic Anthropology Center.** Out of funds appropriated to Texas State University in Strategy C.2.5, Forensic Anthropology Center, \$150,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Texas Forensic Anthropology Center.
- 4. Texas School Safety Center.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.3, School Safety Center, is \$719,700 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$719,700 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to support the statewide implementation and delivery of annual regional tabletop exercises with school districts across Texas to further enhance their emergency operations planning efforts.
- 5. Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) Center.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, ALERRT, is \$735,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$680,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to support the expansion of the ALERRT Center Campus.

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 13,784,968	\$ 13,787,968
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 97,968	\$ 97,968
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	1,347,976	1,347,976
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 1,445,944	\$ 1,445,944

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 7,946	\$ 7,946
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 15,238,858</u>	<u>\$ 15,241,858</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 33.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	421.5	421.5
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 4,149,635	\$ 4,149,635
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	135,676	135,676
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	263,659	263,659
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	25,312	25,312
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	240,472	240,472
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES	118,804	118,804
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> CRU FUNDING	<u>400,503</u>	<u>400,503</u>

Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 5,334,061	\$ 5,334,061
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**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,205,793	\$ 1,205,793
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	2,779,500	2,782,500
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 5,301,860	\$ 5,304,860
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**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

**C.1. Objective: RESEARCH**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR BIG BEND STUDIES	\$ 76,282	\$ 76,282
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> BORDERLANDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE	4,000,000	4,000,000

**C.2. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE**

<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> SUL ROSS MUSEUM	\$ 52,437	\$ 52,437
Sul Ross State University Museum.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> BIG BEND SMALL BUSINESS DEVT CENTER	92,012	92,012
Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center.		
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY	34,292	34,292
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> BIG BEND ARCHIVES	41,515	41,515
Archives of the Big Bend.		
<b>C.2.5. Strategy:</b> MUSEUM OF THE BIG BEND	13,872	13,872

**C.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT**

<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE PLATE TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$ 7,946</u>	<u>\$ 7,946</u>
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<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 4,318,356	\$ 4,318,356
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**D. Goal: RESEARCH FUNDS**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH FUND	<u>\$ 284,581</u>	<u>\$ 284,581</u>
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<b>Grand Total, SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY</b>	<u>\$ 15,238,858</u>	<u>\$ 15,241,858</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,976,027	\$ 4,960,418
Other Personnel Costs	332,242	310,258
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	4,360,192	4,141,773
Consumable Supplies	0	21,000
Utilities	460,353	706,140
Debt Service	2,779,500	2,782,500
Other Operating Expense	790,072	779,297
Grants	240,472	240,472

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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Capital Expenditures	<u>1,300,000</u>	<u>1,300,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 15,238,858</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 15,241,858</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,008,592	\$ 1,109,499
Group Insurance	2,912,562	3,145,567
Social Security	<u>1,129,861</u>	<u>1,193,133</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,051,015</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,448,199</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Sul Ross State University. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Sul Ross State University. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Sul Ross State University shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Six Academic Years	29.1%	29.7%
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Who Earn a Baccalaureate Degree within Four Academic Years	20.8%	21.2%
Persistence Rate of First-time, Full-time, Degree-seeking Freshmen Students after One Academic Year	60.6%	61.2%
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	63.7%	65.6%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	54.7%	55.3%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	63.6%	65.5%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	59.4%	60.6%
Percent of Lower Division Semester Credit Hours Taught by Tenured or Tenure-Track Faculty	67.4%	68.1%
Dollar Value of External or Sponsored Research Funds (in Millions)	2.99	3.02
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	18%	18%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,647	4,693
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Student Loan Debt	24,144	24,386
Percent of Students with Student Loan Debt	64.9%	65.6%
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,705	12,832
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	98.8%	99.8%

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY RIO GRANDE COLLEGE**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 6,242,191	\$ 6,242,191
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 17,257	\$ 17,257
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>495,738</u>	<u>495,738</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	<u><u>\$ 512,995</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 512,995</u></u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,755,186</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,755,186</u></u>

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY RIO GRANDE COLLEGE  
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 66.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	48.4	48.4
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$ 1,329,745	\$ 1,329,745
A.1.2. Strategy: TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	75,626	75,626
A.1.3. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	30,530	30,530
A.1.4. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	6,840	6,840
A.1.5. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	85,525	85,525
A.1.6. Strategy: CRU FUNDING	<u>398,261</u>	<u>398,261</u>
Performance-based Funding For Comprehensive Universities.		
Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 1,926,527	\$ 1,926,527

B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Provide Infrastructure Support.

B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 303,781	\$ 303,781
Educational and General Space Support.		
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS	2,885,000	2,885,000
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
B.1.3. Strategy: LEASE OF FACILITIES	207,951	207,951
B.1.4. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 4,713,299	\$ 4,713,299

C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT

Provide Non-formula Support.

C.1. Objective: PUBLIC SERVICE

C.1.1. Strategy: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ <u>115,360</u>	\$ <u>115,360</u>
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Grand Total, SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY RIO GRANDE COLLEGE	\$ <u>6,755,186</u>	\$ <u>6,755,186</u>
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,544,651	\$ 1,557,294
Other Personnel Costs	44,620	30,530
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	664,032	665,479
Rent - Building	1,524,518	1,524,518
Debt Service	2,885,000	2,885,000
Other Operating Expense	6,840	6,840
Grants	<u>85,525</u>	<u>85,525</u>
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ <u>6,755,186</u>	\$ <u>6,755,186</u>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 964,423	\$ 1,059,641
Group Insurance	337,373	364,309
Social Security	<u>160,416</u>	<u>169,400</u>

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ <u>1,462,212</u>	\$ <u>1,593,350</u>
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY RIO GRANDE COLLEGE  
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	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Certification Rate of Teacher Education Graduates	48%	48.9%
Percent of Baccalaureate Graduates Who Are First Generation College Graduates	53.6%	54.1%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Four Years	65.2%	66.5%
Percent of Incoming Full-time Undergraduate Transfer Students Who Graduate within Two Years	14.7%	14.9%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	18%	18%
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition And Fees For 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,647	4,693
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Average Financial Aid Award Per Full-Time Student	12,705	12,832
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	98.8%	99.8%

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 208,140,307	\$ 208,140,306
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 986,778	\$ 986,778
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	8,612,484	8,612,484
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 9,599,262	\$ 9,599,262
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 3,649,228	\$ 3,649,228
Permanent Endowment Fund, UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, estimated	3,825,000	3,825,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 7,474,228	\$ 7,474,228
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 225,213,797</u>	<u>\$ 225,213,796</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 4.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	2,055.1	2,055.1
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 44,135,182	\$ 44,135,182
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING</b>	9,176,255	9,176,255
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>	5,531,175	5,531,175
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	1,279,225	1,279,225
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	9,557,773	9,557,773
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	\$ 760,206	\$ 760,206
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 1,086,159</u>	<u>\$ 1,086,159</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 71,525,975	\$ 71,525,975
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT</b>	\$ 9,768,700	\$ 9,768,700

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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS Performance Based Research Operations.	<u>81,804,579</u>	<u>81,804,579</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 91,573,279	\$ 91,573,279
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 33,276,510	\$ 33,276,510
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>\$ 16,671,554</u>	<u>\$ 16,671,554</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 49,948,064	\$ 49,948,064
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> RESIDENCY TRAINING		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> PRIMARY CARE RESIDENCY TRAINING Primary Care Residency Training Program.	\$ 922,998	\$ 922,998
<b>D.2. Objective:</b> HEALTH CARE		
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL BURN CARE CENTER	\$ 82,300	\$ 82,300
<b>D.3. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>D.3.1. Strategy:</b> SCIENCE TEACHER ACCESS TO RESOURCES Program for Science Teacher Access to Resources (STARS).	\$ 493,841	\$ 493,840
<b>D.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>D.4.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 693,112	\$ 693,112
<b>D.4.2. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 4,692,251	\$ 4,692,250
<b>E. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UT SWMC Tobacco Earnings for UT Southwestern Medical Center.	\$ 3,825,000	\$ 3,825,000
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>3,649,228</u>	<u>3,649,228</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 7,474,228</u>	<u>\$ 7,474,228</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER</b>	<u><u>\$ 225,213,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 225,213,796</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 117,552,121	\$ 116,464,778
Other Personnel Costs	2,741,075	3,227,575
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	81,701,047	82,148,862
Professional Fees and Services	13,541	13,542
Consumable Supplies	49,724	49,725
Utilities	6,554	6,554
Rent - Building	3,909	3,909
Debt Service	16,671,554	16,671,554
Other Operating Expense	5,324,736	5,477,761
Grants	1,086,159	1,086,159
Capital Expenditures	<u>63,377</u>	<u>63,377</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 225,213,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 225,213,796</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 15,683,106	\$ 17,253,695
Group Insurance	20,057,207	21,661,783
Social Security	<u>12,231,670</u>	<u>12,916,644</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 47,971,983</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 51,832,122</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible

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to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	97.5%	97.5%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	18.83%	18.83%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	53.87%	53.87%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	94.63%	94.63%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	79.66%	79.66%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	3%	3%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	55.62%	55.62%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Combined MD/PhD Graduates	9	9
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	18.99%	19.18%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	30.87%	31.18%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	41.54%	42.79%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	70,142	70,843
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	56.11%	56.67%
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	1,605	1,615
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	17.3%	17.64%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	665,984,035	700,114,212

2. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center No. 813 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center No. 813 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
3. **Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations, \$6,840,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used to support the Texas Institute for Brain Injury and Repair.
4. **Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations, \$7,296,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used for the Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine.

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5. **Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations, \$912,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$912,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Texas Center for Advanced Radiation Therapy.
6. **School of Public Health.** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center is authorized to continue curriculum design and development, faculty recruitment, organization, and other processes necessary to matriculate students and attain accreditation of a school of public health. Included in the amounts appropriated above are all unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, to support the school of public health to be used for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0 from the General Revenue Fund).

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 288,560,124	\$ 288,560,124
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 2,515,085	\$ 2,515,085
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>10,904,814</u>	<u>10,904,814</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 13,419,899	\$ 13,419,899
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts	\$ 439,443	\$ 439,443
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	2,176,234	2,176,234
Permanent Endowment Fund, UT Medical Branch at Galveston, estimated	<u>1,912,500</u>	<u>1,912,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,528,177</u>	<u>\$ 4,528,177</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 306,508,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 306,508,200</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 10.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,645.6	1,645.6
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Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 45,847,687	\$ 45,847,687
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING</b>	2,638,625	2,638,625
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>	14,822,850	14,822,850
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>	11,366,112	11,366,112
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	1,387,939	1,387,939
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	4,244,583	4,244,583
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: HEALTH SYSTEM OPERATIONS</b>	165,601,821	165,601,821
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	\$ 892,485	\$ 892,485
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	243,949	243,949
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE</b>	54,888	54,888
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 1,358,931</u>	<u>\$ 1,358,931</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 248,459,870	\$ 248,459,870



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<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$          3,769,863	\$          3,769,863
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$         14,941,985	\$         14,941,985
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>\$         27,646,904</u>	<u>\$         27,646,904</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$         42,588,889	\$         42,588,889
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> HEALTH CARE		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN SERVICES	\$          2,819,988	\$          2,819,988
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> EAST TEXAS HEALTH EDUCATION		
CENTERS	883,730	883,730
East Texas Area Health Education Centers.		
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> BIO-CONTAINMENT CRITICAL CARE		
UNIT	3,775,386	3,775,386
<b>D.2. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$         121,740</u>	<u>\$         121,740</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$          7,600,844	\$          7,600,844
<b>E. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS -		
UTMB-GALVESTON	\$          1,912,500	\$          1,912,500
Tobacco Earnings for the UT Medical Branch at		
Galveston.		
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND	<u>2,176,234</u>	<u>2,176,234</u>
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund		
for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$         4,088,734</u>	<u>\$         4,088,734</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL</b>		
BRANCH AT GALVESTON	<u><u>\$      306,508,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$      306,508,200</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$     102,062,046	\$     102,062,045
Other Personnel Costs	45,055,084	45,055,081
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	35,845,430	35,845,429
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,084,750	1,084,751
Professional Fees and Services	14,295,396	14,295,397
Fuels and Lubricants	25,980	25,978
Consumable Supplies	34,337,535	34,337,534
Utilities	5,490,295	5,490,295
Travel	399	399
Rent - Building	112,098	112,097
Rent - Machine and Other	772,923	772,923
Debt Service	27,646,904	27,646,904
Other Operating Expense	35,650,134	35,650,138
Grants	1,358,931	1,358,931
Capital Expenditures	<u>2,770,295</u>	<u>2,770,298</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$      306,508,200</u></u>	<u><u>\$      306,508,200</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt</b>		
<b>Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$     13,299,430	\$     14,848,896
Group Insurance	71,227,237	76,711,273
Social Security	<u>38,811,309</u>	<u>40,984,742</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee</b>		
<b>Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made</b>		
<b>Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$     123,337,976</u></u>	<u><u>\$     132,544,911</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. In

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order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	97.27%	97.27%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	23.13%	23.13%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	91%	91%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	84.25%	87.75%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	94%	94%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	94%	94%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	2.56%	2.56%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	64.63%	64.63%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	56%	56%
Total Uncompensated Care Provided by Faculty	113,179,261	116,188,847
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-owned Facilities	252,417,076	263,069,432
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,964	6,351
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	47.82%	47.67%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	29.2%	29.2%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	42.47%	42.47%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	142,348	143,771
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	78%	78%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-Time Student	13,771	13,909
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	77%	77%
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Master of Science in Nursing Graduates Granted Advanced Practice Status in Texas	88%	88%
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	736	736
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	17%	17%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	193,334,752	203,001,489

2. **Appropriation of Charges and Fees.** There is hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston all charges and fees collected for the general expenses of the medical branch hospitals, including maintenance, support, and salaries of employees for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2026, and August 31, 2027.
3. **Rates, Donations and Gifts.** The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System shall fix reasonable rates to be charged and collected by hospitals, and may make and enter into contracts for the hospitalization of the indigent sick and accept donations and gifts for the support and maintenance of the hospitals and may utilize up to \$5 million per annum of local income to match any gift made to endowments provided, however, such match will not result in any reduction in the level of services for patients or any requirement for General Revenue replacement. Any project initiated under this authorization shall not be structured in such a manner that will require future specific appropriation from the General Revenue Fund. Provided, however, that this provision shall not be construed so as to authorize, without the prior and specific approval of the Legislature, the acceptance of real property which would require an appropriation by the Legislature for maintenance, repair, or construction of buildings.

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- 4. Helicopter Operation.** The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston is authorized to lease and operate a helicopter for the purpose of transporting critically ill or emergency patients to the medical branch hospitals. No state funds are to be used for the operation of this helicopter, except where the patient served is indigent or through an interagency contract with another state agency, or unless costs are reimbursed from insurance proceeds.
- 5. Transfers of Appropriations - State Owned Hospitals.** The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall make intergovernmental transfers of funds of \$23,081,230 in fiscal year 2026 and \$23,081,230 in fiscal year 2027 to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The timing and form of such transfers shall be determined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in consultation with HHSC. The Legislative Budget Board is authorized to adjust the amounts of such transfers as necessary to match available federal funds.

If the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston transfers to HHSC funds to apply for appropriate matching federal funds and chooses to participate in a hospital directed payment program authorized under the federal Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver, and receives notice by HHSC as described elsewhere in the Act that deposits under the disproportionate share hospital or uncompensated care program are not equivalent to the amounts deposited in state fiscal year 2025 based on the non-enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages, the University of Texas Medical Branch will deposit to the General Revenue Fund sums up to the equivalent amount but not to exceed federal matching funds from the hospital directed payment program as included in the notice from HHSC. Any amount in excess of the amount included in the notice from HHSC shall be retained by the University of Texas Medical Branch for the purpose of providing essential services to patients.

- 6. Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** None of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ, from General Revenue benefits appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the University for the correctional health care services. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, contract services funds appropriated to TDCJ and provided to the University are eligible to receive state-paid General Revenue benefits support for Retirement, Group Insurance, and Social Security from funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act. For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance of this Act, contract services funds appropriated to TDCJ and provided to the University for correctional health care services shall be treated as if the funds received are appropriated by this Act and are not required to be held in the state treasury.

- 7. Support of Student and Resident Training Programs.** The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston may spend any revenue appropriated to the institution by this Act or from other available funds for the support and development of student and resident training programs in Austin, including the payment of compensation, travel costs, costs for leased premises, and other operating expenses.
- 8. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston No. 814 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
  - a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
  - b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston No. 814 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years

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beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

**9. Informational Listing - The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$938,231,065	\$992,313,706
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	5,003.1	5,055.7

**10. Health Care Services.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.7, Health System Operations, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall use at least \$676,876 in General Revenue for the 2026-27 biennium to operate and provide uncompensated care at the Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic in McAllen.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 227,428,173	\$ 227,428,173
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 11,988,929	\$ 11,988,929
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>16,358,837</u>	<u>16,358,837</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 28,347,766	\$ 28,347,766
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 2,196,271	\$ 2,196,271
Permanent Endowment Fund, UTHSC Houston, estimated	<u>1,912,500</u>	<u>1,912,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,108,771</u>	<u>\$ 4,108,771</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 259,884,710</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 259,884,710</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 10.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	2,076.8	2,076.8
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 57,577,957	\$ 57,577,957
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION</b>	22,957,088	22,957,088
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING</b>	5,602,824	5,602,824
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS</b>	3,765,176	3,765,176
Biomedical Informatics Education.		
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>	251,901	251,901
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION</b>	614,349	614,349
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>	13,693,381	13,693,381
<b>A.1.8. Strategy: GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	21,364,144	21,364,144

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<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	6,913,118	6,913,118
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 4,049,065	\$ 4,049,065
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	360,380	360,380
<b>A.2.3. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	35,135	35,135
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	\$ 1,742,548	\$ 1,742,548
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL LOANS	<u>46,158</u>	<u>46,158</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 138,973,224	\$ 138,973,224
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 5,361,686	\$ 5,361,686
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS Performance Based Research Operations.	<u>34,856,170</u>	<u>34,856,170</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 40,217,856	\$ 40,217,856
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 26,695,229	\$ 26,695,229
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>\$ 24,213,949</u>	<u>\$ 24,213,949</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 50,909,178	\$ 50,909,178
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> DENTAL CLINICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
<b>E. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>E.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH IN TX COMM Improving Public Health in Texas Communities.	\$ 2,872,800	\$ 2,872,800
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS EXPANSION Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion.	1,386,240	1,386,240
<b>E.2. Objective:</b> REGIONAL ACADEMIC HLTH CTR-PUBHLTH		
<b>E.2.1. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL ACADEMIC HLTH CTR-PUBHLTH Regional Academic Health Center - Public Health.	\$ 444,463	\$ 444,463
<b>E.3. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>E.3.1. Strategy:</b> PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCI RSCH Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research.	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000
<b>E.3.2. Strategy:</b> VETERANS PTSD STUDY Integrated Care Study For Veterans With Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>E.3.3. Strategy:</b> FIREFIGHTER CANCER STUDY	1,250,000	1,250,000
<b>E.4. Objective:</b> HEALTH CARE		
<b>E.4.1. Strategy:</b> HARRIS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT	\$ 2,862,784	\$ 2,862,784
<b>E.4.2. Strategy:</b> SERVICE DELIVERY VALLEY/BORDER Service Delivery in the Valley/Border Region.	372,977	372,977
<b>E.4.3. Strategy:</b> TRAUMA CARE	433,200	433,200
<b>E.4.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS ALL-PAYOR CLAIMS DATABASE	4,500,000	4,500,000
<b>E.5. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>E.5.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 553,217</u>	<u>\$ 553,217</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 22,675,681	\$ 22,675,681
<b>F. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UTHSC-HOUSTON Tobacco Earnings for the UT Health Science Center at Houston.	\$ 1,912,500	\$ 1,912,500
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>2,196,271</u>	<u>2,196,271</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 4,108,771</u>	<u>\$ 4,108,771</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON	<u>\$ 259,884,710</u>	<u>\$ 259,884,710</u>

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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 130,717,945	\$ 131,971,617
Other Personnel Costs	372,282	35,135
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	69,483,352	63,866,424
Professional Fees and Services	20,583	0
Consumable Supplies	33,447	0
Utilities	6,151,244	3,970,106
Rent - Building	1,912,500	4,108,771
Debt Service	24,213,949	24,213,949
Other Operating Expense	25,133,255	29,930,002
Grants	1,788,706	1,788,706
Capital Expenditures	<u>57,447</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 259,884,710</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 259,884,710</u></b>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 15,365,961	\$ 16,987,524
Group Insurance	29,466,726	31,824,061
Social Security	<u>17,706,508</u>	<u>18,698,072</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act**

**\$ 62,539,195    \$ 67,509,657**

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	98%	98%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	20%	20%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	66%	66%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Admitted to an Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry	15%	15%
Percent of Dental School Students Passing the National Licensing Exam or Equivalent Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	98%	98%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	98%	98%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	96%	96%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Public Health School Graduates Who Are Employed in Texas	75%	75%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	98%	98%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	98%	98%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	4%	4%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	60%	60%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	4,025	4,025
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	30%	30%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	28%	28%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	38%	38%

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Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	145,000	145,000
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	75%	75%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-Time Student	25,000	25,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	72%	72%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total Dental School Admissions	25%	25%
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Master of Science in Nursing Graduates Granted Advanced Practice Status in Texas	98%	98%
<b>A.1.9. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	1,250	1,250
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	22%	22%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	310,000,000	315,000,000
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-Owned Facilities	450,000	450,000
Total Net Patient Revenue in State-Owned Facilities	9,000,000	9,000,000

**2. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston No. 815 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston No. 815 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

- 3. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: Regional Academic Health Center - Public Health.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.2.1, Regional Academic Health Center-Public Health, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 4. Early Childhood School Readiness Program.** Funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency in Strategy A.2.1, Statewide Educational Programs, and transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston shall be used for the Early Childhood Readiness Program at the State Center for Early Childhood Development at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, for programs providing an educational component to public prekindergarten, Head Start, university early childhood programs, or private non-profit early childhood care programs that have entered into an integrated program with a public school.
- 5. Informational Listing - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$8,033,198	\$8,003,474
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	68.4	68.4

**6. Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.3.1, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used to support The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

**7. Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.1.2, Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion, \$1,386,240 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,386,240 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for Biomedical Informatics Research and Education Expansion.

**8. Integrated Care Study for Veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.** Out of the funds appropriated above to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy E.3.2, Veterans PTSD Study, \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for purposes of conducting a research study, including clinical research, on the benefits of providing integrated care to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. The study shall evaluate the benefits of:

- a. a standardized comprehensive trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder assessment, and
- b. family involvement in post-traumatic stress disorder treatment.

**9. Benefits Costs for Harris County Psychiatric Center and Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, contract services funds appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and provided to the University for the operation of the Harris County Psychiatric Center (HCPC) and the Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center (DBSC) are eligible to receive state-paid General Revenue benefits support for Retirement, Group Insurance, and Social Security from funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act. For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 of this Act, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance, contract services funds appropriated to HHSC and DBSC and provided to the University for the operation of the HCPC and DBSC shall be treated as if the funds received are appropriated by this Act and are not required to be held in the state treasury.

**10. Texas Firefighter Cancer Study.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.3.3, Firefighter Cancer Study, \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to provide Texas firefighters with annual physical examinations to diagnose cancer. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health is required to conduct a study including the work history of new, active, and retired firefighters, air samples from fires to measure exposure to cancer-causing chemicals, and cancer data from the Texas Cancer Registry and other sources. The study shall identify which groups of firefighters are most at risk and recommend policies and programs that will protect their health. The Center for Occupational and Environmental Health shall report its interim findings to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2027. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

**11. Texas All-Payor Claims Database.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.4.4, Texas All-Payor Claims Database, \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 may be used to ensure inclusion in the Texas All-Payor Claims Database a disaggregation of demographic, diagnostic, client medical condition data pertaining to identification of opportunities for integration and standardization of best practices, minimum standards of care for high utilization populations, and measures of healthcare quality, including but not limited to identification of cost-effective practices leading to decrease of potentially preventable emergency department and other high-cost resource utilization.



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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 185,802,214	\$ 185,802,214
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 3,449,672	\$ 3,449,672
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	10,116,110	10,116,110
Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189	<u>9,100,000</u>	<u>9,100,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 22,665,782	\$ 22,665,782
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,753,043	\$ 1,753,043
Permanent Endowment Fund, UTHSC San Antonio, estimated	<u>15,300,000</u>	<u>15,300,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 17,053,043</u>	<u>\$ 17,053,043</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 225,521,039</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 225,521,039</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 15.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>		
	1,946.9	1,946.9
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 45,170,540	\$ 45,170,540
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL EDUCATION	23,721,052	23,721,052
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING	3,347,669	3,347,669
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING	17,389,311	17,389,311
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> NURSING EDUCATION	10,488,259	10,488,259
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH	208,424	208,424
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	5,414,679	5,414,679
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 2,310,374	\$ 2,310,374
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	192,807	192,807
<b>A.2.3. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	88,043	88,043
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	\$ 1,778,107	\$ 1,778,107
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL LOANS	<u>45,274</u>	<u>45,274</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 110,154,539	\$ 110,154,539
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 4,458,784	\$ 4,458,784
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS	<u>30,514,540</u>	<u>30,514,540</u>
Performance Based Research Operations.		
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 34,973,324	\$ 34,973,324
<b>C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 16,718,493	\$ 16,718,493
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>20,728,854</u>	<u>20,728,854</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 37,447,347	\$ 37,447,347
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> DENTAL CLINICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

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<b>E. Goal: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
<b>E.1. Objective: INSTRUCTION/OPERATION</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy: MULTI-INSTITUTION CENTER - LAREDO</b>	\$ 2,057,406	\$ 2,057,406
Multi-institution Center In Laredo.		
<b>E.1.2. Strategy: SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	5,000,000	5,000,000
UT School of Public Health San Antonio.		
<b>E.2. Objective: HEALTH CARE</b>		
<b>E.2.1. Strategy: OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION</b>	\$ 9,100,000	\$ 9,100,000
Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment.		
<b>E.3. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL</b>		
<b>E.3.1. Strategy: INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT</b>	\$ 6,735,380	\$ 6,735,380
<b>Total, Goal E: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 22,892,786	\$ 22,892,786
<b>F. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS</b>		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy: TOBACCO EARNINGS - UTHSC SA</b>	\$ 15,300,000	\$ 15,300,000
Tobacco Earnings for the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio.		
<b>F.1.2. Strategy: TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND</b>	1,753,043	1,753,043
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Total, Goal F: TOBACCO FUNDS</b>	\$ 17,053,043	\$ 17,053,043
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO</b>	\$ 225,521,039	\$ 225,521,039
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 65,680,366	\$ 67,938,630
Other Personnel Costs	39,807,643	41,681,839
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	37,192,210	37,194,048
Utilities	374,952	369,248
Travel	90,987	103,002
Debt Service	20,875,444	20,728,854
Other Operating Expense	59,361,934	55,106,187
Client Services	221,563	220,648
Grants	1,823,381	1,823,381
Capital Expenditures	92,559	355,202
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 225,521,039	\$ 225,521,039
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 14,294,825	\$ 15,606,569
Group Insurance	30,907,863	33,380,491
Social Security	11,109,845	11,731,996
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 56,312,533	\$ 60,719,056

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	96%	96%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	18%	18%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	52%	53%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Admitted to an Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry	14%	14%

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Percent of Dental School Students Passing the National Licensing Exam or Equivalent Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	95%	95%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	81%	81%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	95%	95%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	6%	6%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	53%	53%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Avg Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,617	6,967
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	48%	50%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	26%	26%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	44.5%	44.5%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	135,000	138,000
Percent of for Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	70%	70%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-time Student	10,500	10,500
Percent of Full-time Students Receiving Financial Aid	80%	80%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total Dental School Admissions	30%	30%
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Master of Science in Nursing Graduates Granted Advanced Practice Status in Texas	90%	90%
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	908	908
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	24%	24%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	248,050,000	267,894,000
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-owned Facilities	285,324	291,030
Total Net Patient Revenue in State-owned Facilities	6,275,428	6,400,936

**2. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years and Services Provided in Support of the Multi-Institution Center - Laredo.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy E.1.1, Multi-Institution Center - Laredo, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Funds expended from appropriations identified in this strategy may be used to cover student travel expenses associated with rotations between the San Antonio and Laredo campuses.

Notwithstanding limitations on appropriations transfers elsewhere in this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is authorized to use the funds appropriated by this Act to The University of Texas System Administration for the purpose of delivering educational programs or other services at or related to the Multi-Institution Center - Laredo.

For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance, appropriations made to The University of Texas System Administration which may be transferred to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio for the support of the Multi-Institution Center - Laredo shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

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**3. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio No. 811 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for High Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio No. 811 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

**4. Informational Listing - The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$5,627,013	\$5,617,762
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	108.9	108.9

**5. Opioid Abuse Prevention and Treatment.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.2.1, Opioid Abuse Prevention, \$9,100,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,100,000 in fiscal year 2027 from GR-Dedicated Account No. 5189 shall be used to support efforts that include, but are not limited to, funding for overdose reversal medication access for law enforcement, distribution through health care providers, educational programming and distribution through schools, and distribution through community organizations. It is the intent of the Legislature that his funding stream be considered to supplement opioid abuse prevention activities for subsequent biennia.

By November 1, 2026, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee detailing the expenditure of funds appropriated in Strategy E.2.1, Opioid Abuse Prevention, during fiscal year 2026. The report shall contain, at a minimum, metrics that mirror information contractually required to be submitted to the Health and Human Services Commission in order to inform of any future appropriations.

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

**6. The University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio.** Out of funds appropriated above in strategy E.1.2, School of Public Health, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for The University of Texas School of Public Health San Antonio. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 48,196,608	\$ 48,196,607
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 1,754,041	\$ 1,754,041
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,303,026	\$ 1,303,026
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 51,253,675</u>	<u>\$ 51,253,674</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>		
	523.2	523.2
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 10,130,895	\$ 10,130,895
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> PODIATRIC EDUCATION	3,822,110	3,822,110
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	805,933	805,933
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 86,287	\$ 86,287
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$ 218,242</u>	<u>\$ 218,242</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 15,063,467	\$ 15,063,467
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,464,032	\$ 1,464,032
<b>C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,523,150	\$ 1,523,150
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	\$ 19,950,000	\$ 19,949,999
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> CANCER CENTER/CANCER RESEARCH	3,450,000	3,450,000
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE	6,000,000	6,000,000
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> LIMB PRESERVATION PROGRAM	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 31,900,000	\$ 31,899,999
<b>E. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO-PERMANENT HEALTH FUND	<u>\$ 1,303,026</u>	<u>\$ 1,303,026</u>
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE</b>	<u>\$ 51,253,675</u>	<u>\$ 51,253,674</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 27,267,799	\$ 25,572,950
Other Personnel Costs	468,121	249,601
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	13,466,061	14,559,875
Travel	14,152	0
Other Operating Expense	9,819,300	10,653,006
Grants	<u>218,242</u>	<u>218,242</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 51,253,675</u>	<u>\$ 51,253,674</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,575,851	\$ 3,882,767

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Group Insurance	3,945,246	4,260,865
Social Security	<u>2,946,415</u>	<u>3,111,414</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>10,467,512</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>11,255,046</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	55%	55%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions As a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	65%	65%
Minority MD Admissions As a Percent of Total MD Admissions	0%	0%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	48%	48%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	134,000	134,000
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	73%	73%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: PODIATRIC EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority DPM Admissions As a Percent of Total Doctor of Podiatric Medicine Admissions	55%	55%
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO or DPM Residents	154	171
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents As a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	0%	0%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	16,000,000	17,000,000

**2. Appropriations in Support of the School of Medicine and the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC).** Included in appropriations above to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine in Strategy D.1.1, School of Medicine, is \$19,950,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$19,949,999 in fiscal year 2027 to support the establishment, operation, or administration of a medical school and the Regional Academic Health Center.

**3. Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years: School of Medicine.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, from the appropriations identified in Strategy D.1.1, School of Medicine, are hereby appropriated to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Funds expended from appropriations identified in this strategy may be used to cover student travel expenses associated with rotations between campuses.

**4. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

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b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

- 5. School of Podiatric Medicine.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, School of Podiatric Medicine, \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the School of Podiatric Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.
- 6. Limb Preservation Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.4, Limb Preservation Program, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Limb Preservation Program. All unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.
- 7. Cancer Immunology Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Cancer Center/Cancer Research, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Cancer Immunology Center. All unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS M.D. ANDERSON CANCER CENTER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 237,139,801	\$ 237,139,801
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 106,250	\$ 106,250
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>710,603</u>	<u>710,603</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 816,853	\$ 816,853
<u>Other Funds</u>		
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	\$ 2,164	\$ 2,164
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	2,783,734	2,783,734
Permanent Endowment Fund, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center, estimated	<u>7,650,000</u>	<u>7,650,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 10,435,898</u>	<u>\$ 10,435,898</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 248,392,552</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 248,392,552</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 3.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	712.8	712.8
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>	\$ 3,840,398	\$ 3,840,398
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	901,451	901,451
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: CANCER CENTER OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 162,382,588	\$ 162,382,588
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	\$ 23,506	\$ 23,506
<b>A.4.1. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 92,915</u>	<u>\$ 92,915</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 167,240,858	\$ 167,240,858

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<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 14,960,030	\$ 14,960,030
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 34,358,567	\$ 34,358,567
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	<u>\$ 17,397,199</u>	<u>\$ 17,397,199</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bond.		
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 51,755,766	\$ 51,755,766
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CORD BLOOD AND CELLULAR THERAPY	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Cord Blood and Cellular Therapy Research		
Program.		
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>D.2. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 2,164</u>	<u>\$ 2,164</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 4,002,164	\$ 4,002,164
<b>E. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UT MD		
ANDERSON	\$ 7,650,000	\$ 7,650,000
Tobacco Earnings for The University of Texas MD		
Anderson Cancer Center.		
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH		
FUND	<u>2,783,734</u>	<u>2,783,734</u>
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund		
for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 10,433,734</u>	<u>\$ 10,433,734</u>
<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS M.D.</b>		
ANDERSON CANCER CENTER	<u>\$ 248,392,552</u>	<u>\$ 248,392,552</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 207,732,905	\$ 206,676,378
Other Personnel Costs	841,301	612,447
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	14,267,146	14,041,541
Professional Fees and Services	851,369	356,755
Consumable Supplies	521,485	195,699
Utilities	1,119,660	1,129,034
Travel	6,626	0
Rent - Machine and Other	6,088	12,712
Debt Service	17,397,199	17,397,199
Other Operating Expense	4,506,791	3,122,191
Grants	95,079	95,079
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,046,903</u>	<u>4,753,517</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 248,392,552</u>	<u>\$ 248,392,552</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt</b>		
<b>Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 6,463,505	\$ 7,199,995
Group Insurance	7,492,821	8,092,247
Social Security	<u>4,923,593</u>	<u>5,199,314</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee</b>		
<b>Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made</b>		
<b>Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 18,879,919</u>	<u>\$ 20,491,556</u>

- Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer



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Center. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	95%	95%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	35%	35%
Total Uncompensated Care Provided by Faculty	115,000,000	115,000,000
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	3.5%	3.5%
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-owned Facilities	225,000,000	225,000,000
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	2,192	2,192
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions As a Percent of Total First-Year Admissions (All Schools)	40%	40%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-Time Student	12,000	12,000
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	67%	67%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	172	172
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	12%	12%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	750,000,000	750,000,000

2. **Special Project Funding.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System is hereby authorized: (1) to expend such amounts of its Permanent University Fund No. 45 bond proceeds and/or other bond proceeds and such amounts of its other available monies as may be necessary to fund the following project either in whole or in part; (2) to accept gifts, grants, and matching grants to fund such project either in whole or in part; and (3) to acquire, construct, alter, add to, repair, rehabilitate, equip and/or furnish such project for The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center: (a) research facilities and (b) administrative support facilities and related parking facilities.
3. **Transfers of Appropriations - State Owned Hospitals.** The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center shall make intergovernmental transfers of funds of \$5,633,915 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,633,915 in fiscal year 2027 to the Health and Human Services Commission. The timing and form of such transfers shall be determined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in consultation with the Health and Human Services Commission. The Legislative Budget Board is authorized to adjust the amounts of such transfers as necessary to match available federal funds. The transfers, however, shall be made not less frequently than monthly.
4. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center No. 812 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center No. 812 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years

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beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

- 5. Best Business Practices.** It is the intent of the Legislature that The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center shall adopt appropriate measures to initiate the most cost-effective practices when delivering unreimbursed services to financially and medically indigent Texans. The intent of these practices is to allow for funds to be used in a manner, which would allow for greater benefits for the patients, the state, and the institution.
- 6. Animal Facilities and Programs.** The animal facilities and programs of the Department of Veterinary Sciences at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center (UTMDACC) - Bastrop shall be regulated and inspected by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services, pursuant to the Federal Animal Welfare Act. The UTMDACC - Bastrop Department of Veterinary Sciences shall comply with the regulations and is under the oversight of the United States Public Health Service/National Institutes of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare. The UTMDACC - Bastrop Department of Veterinary Sciences shall be independently accredited for animal care programs and facilities by the Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International). The department shall be accredited by this body. It shall also be inspected regularly and its programs reviewed biannually by the UTMDACC Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.
- 7. Rare and Aggressive Breast Cancer Research Program.** Of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Breast Cancer Research Program, \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund is for the rare and aggressive breast cancer research program. Its efforts will contribute to improving the diagnostics in patients with breast cancer.
- 8. Informational Listing - The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$6,932,874,316	\$7,278,741,076
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	18,964.0	19,942.7

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT TYLER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 65,636,924	\$ 65,636,923
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 435,601	\$ 435,601
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>695,217</u>	<u>695,217</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 1,130,818	\$ 1,130,818
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,429,267	\$ 1,429,267

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Permanent Endowment Fund, UT HSC Tyler, estimated	<u>1,912,500</u>	<u>1,912,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 3,341,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,341,767</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 70,109,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 70,109,508</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 15.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	324.8	324.8
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** PROVIDE INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 5,123,962	\$ 5,123,962
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.	977,825	977,825
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> PUBLIC HEALTH	1,682,318	1,682,318
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	1,170,096	1,170,096
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CHEST DISEASE CENTER OPERATIONS	35,956,794	35,956,794
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 27,821	\$ 27,821
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$ 12,362</u>	<u>\$ 12,362</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROVIDE INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 44,951,178	\$ 44,951,178
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**B. Goal:** PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,742,608	\$ 1,742,608
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**C. Goal:** PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 2,333,900	\$ 2,333,900
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>\$ 8,413,455</u>	<u>\$ 8,413,455</u>

<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 10,747,355	\$ 10,747,355
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**D. Goal:** PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT

**D.1. Objective:** INSTRUCTION/OPERATION

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PGMS Mental Health Workforce Training Programs.	\$ 6,730,000	\$ 6,730,000
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**D.2. Objective:** RESIDENCY TRAINING

<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY TRAINING Family Practice Residency Training Program.	\$ 771,446	\$ 771,446
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**D.3. Objective:** HEALTH CARE

<b>D.3.1. Strategy:</b> SUPPORT FOR INDIGENT CARE	\$ 798,494	\$ 798,493
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**D.4. Objective:** INSTITUTIONAL

<b>D.4.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 1,026,661</u>	<u>\$ 1,026,661</u>
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<b>Total, Goal D:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 9,326,601	\$ 9,326,600
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**E. Goal:** TOBACCO FUNDS

<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UT HSC AT TYLER Tobacco Earnings for University of Texas Health Science Center/Tyler.	\$ 1,912,500	\$ 1,912,500
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<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>1,429,267</u>	<u>1,429,267</u>
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<b>Total, Goal E:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 3,341,767</u>	<u>\$ 3,341,767</u>
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**Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT TYLER**

<u><u>\$ 70,109,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 70,109,508</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,680,722	\$ 10,994,121
Other Personnel Costs	3,833,920	3,464,670
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	11,029,571	11,865,382
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,215,005	754,560
Professional Fees and Services	3,644,438	3,473,004

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Fuels and Lubricants	15,266	14,611
Consumable Supplies	102,409	115,474
Utilities	18,139	20,014
Travel	64,436	70,595
Rent - Building	55,227	39,931
Rent - Machine and Other	144,036	202,354
Debt Service	8,413,455	8,413,455
Other Operating Expense	29,867,095	30,660,125
Grants	12,362	12,362
Capital Expenditures	<u>13,428</u>	<u>8,850</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 70,109,509</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 70,109,508</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

## Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 2,028,382	\$ 2,237,167
Group Insurance	3,990,229	4,309,449
Social Security	<u>1,667,587</u>	<u>1,760,972</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	7,686,198	\$	8,307,588
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: PROVIDE INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	72.7%	72.7%
Total Uncompensated Care Provided by Faculty	1,298	1,324
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost As Percent of Total Expenditures	4.71%	4.71%
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-owned Facilities	742,248	757,093
Total New Patient Revenue in State-owned Facilities	151,895,906	154,933,825
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	198	204
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	11.6%	11.3%
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	11.1%	11.1%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	23,724,153	23,724,153

**2. Rates, Donations and Gifts.** The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System shall fix reasonable rates to be charged and collected from paying patients of the center, and may make and enter into contracts for the hospitalization of the indigent sick and accept donations and gifts for the support and maintenance of the center; provided, however, that this provision should not be construed so as to authorize, without prior and specific approval of the Legislature, acceptance of real property which would require an appropriation by the Legislature for maintenance, repair, or construction of buildings.

**3. Transfers of Appropriations - State Owned Hospitals.** The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall make intergovernmental transfers of funds of \$6,879,480 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,879,480 in fiscal year 2027 to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). The timing and form of such transfers shall be determined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts in consultation with HHSC. The Legislative Budget Board is authorized to adjust the amounts of such transfers as necessary to match available federal funds.

If the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler transfers to HHSC funds to apply for appropriate matching federal funds and chooses to participate in a hospital directed payment

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program authorized under the federal Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver, and receives notice by HHSC as described elsewhere in the Act that deposits under the disproportionate share hospital or uncompensated care program are not equivalent to the amounts deposited in state fiscal year 2025 based on the non-enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentages, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler will deposit to the General Revenue Fund sums up to the equivalent amount but not to exceed federal matching funds from the hospital directed payment program as included in the notice from HHSC. Any amount in excess of the amount included in the notice from HHSC shall be retained by the University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler for the purpose of providing essential services to patients.

**4. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler No. 816 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler No. 816 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

**5. Informational Listing - The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$176,388,389	\$180,130,394
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	842.6	842.6

**6. Mental Health Workforce Training for Underserved Areas.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Mental Health Workforce Training Programs, \$6,730,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall be used to support mental health workforce training programs in underserved areas including, but not limited to, Rusk State Hospital and Terrell State Hospital.

**7. Medical Education.** The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler is authorized to use funds appropriated above to initiate curriculum design and development, faculty recruitment, and commencement of organization and other processes necessary to attain accreditation of a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Program.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 33,471,476	\$ 33,471,476

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GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 1,367,313	\$ 1,367,313
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,301,423	\$ 1,301,423
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 8.6%  
of this agency's estimated total available  
funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	227.6	227.6
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional And Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 9,163,855	\$ 9,163,855
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	2,752,113	2,752,113
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTER SUPPORT Texas Academic Medical Center Formula Support.	17,550,000	17,550,000
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 364,087	\$ 364,087
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$ 190,458</u>	<u>\$ 190,458</u>

<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 30,020,513	\$ 30,020,513
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**B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT**

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,960,786	\$ 1,960,786
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**C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 2,857,490	\$ 2,857,490
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**D. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO-PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings From The Permanent Health Fund For Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>\$ 1,301,423</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,423</u>
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<b>Grand Total, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN DELL MEDICAL SCHOOL</b>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 23,657	\$ 23,699
Other Personnel Costs	22,301	22,301
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	13,779,965	13,792,548
Other Operating Expense	22,123,831	22,111,206
Grants	<u>190,458</u>	<u>190,458</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>	<u>\$ 36,140,212</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 923,864	\$ 980,232
Group Insurance	1,229,626	1,327,996
Social Security	<u>971,406</u>	<u>1,025,805</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 3,124,896</u>	<u>\$ 3,334,033</u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	75.6%	77.89%

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A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

Output (Volume):

Total Number of MD Residents	494	521
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B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT

Outcome (Results/Impact):

Total External Research Expenditures	45,290,231	49,605,817
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2. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of the institution’s estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution’s allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 198,201,598	\$ 198,204,138
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 10,288,101	\$ 10,288,101
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>11,962,662</u>	<u>11,962,662</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 22,250,763	\$ 22,250,763
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,383,758	\$ 1,383,758
Permanent Endowment Fund, Texas A&M University HSC, estimated	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 2,783,758</u>	<u>\$ 2,783,758</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 223,236,119</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,238,659</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 47.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds	1,325.7	1,325.7
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 51,339,713	\$ 51,339,713
A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION	22,867,934	22,867,934
A.1.3. Strategy: DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION	1,479,785	1,479,785
A.1.4. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING	2,863,850	2,863,850
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
A.1.5. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION	7,302,584	7,302,584
A.1.6. Strategy: PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING	18,557,592	18,557,592
Training in Public Health.		
A.1.7. Strategy: PHARMACY EDUCATION	15,463,705	15,463,705

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<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	6,596,714	6,596,714
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 1,511,196	\$ 1,511,196
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	\$ 1,503,333	\$ 1,503,333
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL LOANS	<u>46,893</u>	<u>46,893</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 129,533,299	\$ 129,533,299
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 3,428,216	\$ 3,428,216
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS Performance Based Research Operations.	<u>26,038,774</u>	<u>26,038,774</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 29,466,990	\$ 29,466,990
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 12,136,369	\$ 12,136,369
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	\$ 22,791,795	\$ 22,789,418
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> DEBT SERVICE - ROUND ROCK Debt Service for the Round Rock Facility.	<u>3,612,454</u>	<u>3,617,371</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 38,540,618	\$ 38,543,158
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> DENTAL CLINICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
<b>E. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>E.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> COASTAL BEND HEALTH EDUCATION CTR Coastal Bend Health Education Center.	\$ 1,372,748	\$ 1,372,748
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> SOUTH TEXAS HEALTH CENTER	591,893	591,893
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> IRMA RANGEL COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	198,759	198,759
<b>E.1.4. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	1,157,700	1,157,700
<b>E.1.5. Strategy:</b> FORENSIC NURSING	2,584,640	2,584,640
<b>E.1.6. Strategy:</b> HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS	4,286,400	4,286,400
<b>E.1.7. Strategy:</b> NURSING PROGRAM EXPANSION	201,960	201,960
<b>E.1.8. Strategy:</b> RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVES	7,500,000	7,500,000
<b>E.2. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>E.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 2,017,354</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,354</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 19,911,454	\$ 19,911,454
<b>F. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - TAMU SYSTEM HSC Tobacco Earnings for Texas A&M University System Health Science Center.	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>1,383,758</u>	<u>1,383,758</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 2,783,758</u>	<u>\$ 2,783,758</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER</b>	<u><u>\$ 223,236,119</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,238,659</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 44,216,889	\$ 43,463,544
Other Personnel Costs	17,509,352	17,431,545
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	75,184,122	74,493,814
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	5,155,922	5,133,855
Professional Fees and Services	3,109,280	3,104,269
Fuels and Lubricants	40,272	40,712
Consumable Supplies	451,544	445,791
Utilities	2,806,933	2,799,769
Travel	143,999	142,913
Rent - Building	2,829,320	2,829,210
Rent - Machine and Other	923,025	848,537
Debt Service	26,404,249	26,406,789
Other Operating Expense	40,957,182	42,594,102



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Client Services	2,278,347	2,293,821
Capital Expenditures	1,225,683	1,209,988
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 223,236,119</b>	<b>\$ 223,238,659</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 9,900,131	\$ 10,765,134
Group Insurance	12,259,590	13,240,356
Social Security	8,199,252	8,658,410
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 30,358,973</b>	<b>\$ 32,663,900</b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	95%	95%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	26%	26%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	66.6%	66.6%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Admitted to an Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry	16.8%	16.2%
Percent of Dental School Students Passing the National Licensing Exam or Equivalent Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	99%	99%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	84%	84%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	100%	100%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	100%	100%
Percent of Rural Public Health School Graduates Who Are Employed in Texas	73%	73%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	4.5%	4.5%
Percent of Pharmacy School Graduates Who are Licensed in Texas	80%	80%
Percent of Pharmacy School Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam in the First Try	95%	95%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	64%	64%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates who are Licensed in Texas	96%	96%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,098	6,098
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	30%	30%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	10%	10%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	45%	45%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	155,000	155,000
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	65%	65%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-Time Student	14,500	14,500
Percent of Full-Time Students Receiving Financial Aid	65%	65%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total Dental School Admissions	37%	37%

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<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	1,520	1,520
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	19.1%	19.1%

<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Research Expenditures	91,763,039.76	94,515,930.96
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Uncompensated Care Provided in State-owned Facilities	878,955	914,113
Total New Patient Revenue in State-owned Facilities	8,565,416	8,908,032

- 2. Cardiovascular Research Institute.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center shall expend funds for Cardiovascular Research Institute activities conducted at health science center facilities. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds would be in addition to the amounts allocated for the normal operation and maintenance of programs and facilities during the biennium.
- 3. Coastal Bend Health Education Center.** Out of funds appropriated above to Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Strategy E.1.1, Coastal Bend Health Education Center, the institution shall allocate funds to operate a local area network among coastal distance education sites, provide electronic library access, and develop allied health programs with area general academic institutions.
- 4. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for Texas A&M University System Health Science Center No. 818 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
  - b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for Texas A&M University System Health Science Center No. 818 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
- 5. Research on Acute Neurological Injuries.** Out of funds appropriated above, Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may allocate funds to conduct joint research endeavors with other scientists from Baylor College of Medicine, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston to develop treatments to repair acute neurological injuries such as those caused by trauma and strokes.
- 6. Debt Service Round Rock Facility.** The funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, Debt Service - Round Rock, are for debt service, and/or operations in the event that this Act does not pass by a two-thirds majority in each house, associated with clinical facilities at the Round Rock campus of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center. The legislature hereby finds in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), that there is a demonstrated need for clinical facilities at the Round Rock campus of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and that such appropriation may be used for debt service of such facilities.
- 7. Informational Listing - Texas A&M Health Science Center Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for the Texas A&M Health Science Center during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$8,000,248	\$7,982,256
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	119.2	119.2

- 8. Multiple Locations.** The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center has physical locations and campuses throughout the State of Texas, including Austin, Bryan, College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Kingsville, McAllen, Round Rock, Lufkin, and Temple. In order to assure maximum efficiency in the use of those facilities and campuses and to provide the greatest availability of academic programs and health related services to the citizens of the State of Texas, the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is authorized to locate and relocate the various degree programs of its colleges and schools which have been authorized by the board of regents and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, if applicable, at any one or more of its physical locations or campuses. The intent of this section is to recognize individual programs offered at the physical locations and campuses of the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center as qualifying for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula, if the individual program is at a remote site, and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.
- 9. Forensic Nursing.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.5, Forensic Nursing, \$2,584,640 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be used to support the Department of Forensic Nursing. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy E.1.5, Forensic Nursing are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
- 10. Healthy South Texas.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.6, Healthy South Texas, \$4,286,400 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be used to support the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in operations of the program.
- 11. Nursing Program Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion, \$201,960 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year shall be used to support a partnership between Texas A&M University System Health Science Center and Angelina College for a nursing program. If a partnership does not exist, the funds may not be used for any other purpose.
- Any unexpended balance as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion is hereby appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027. It is the intent of the Legislature that non-formula General Revenue operations funding in Strategy E.1.7, Nursing Program Expansion for Texas A&M University System Health Science Center will be phased out as formula funding increases.
- 12. Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.3, Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy, shall be used to support the Irma Rangel College of Pharmacy. If the headquarters of the pharmacy school is no longer located in Kingsville, Texas, appropriations made to this strategy shall lapse.
- 13. Rural Health Initiatives.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.8, Rural Health Initiatives, \$7,500,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to implement the Texas A&M Health Rural Engagement Program in rural communities throughout the state. Any unexpended balances in this strategy remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 14. Research Facilities.** All unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), from appropriations authorized in House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 17.26, of the Eighty-eighth Legislature, from the General Revenue Fund to Texas A&M University System Health Science Center for construction of education and research facilities at the higher education center in Hidalgo County, Texas, are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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This appropriation is contingent upon approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for education and research facilities at the higher education center in Hidalgo County and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities.

- 15. Study on the Feasibility of Insurance Acceptance at Dental Clinics.** Texas A&M University System Health Science Center shall study the feasibility of accepting insurance at its dental clinics. Texas A&M University System Health Science Center is authorized to use funds appropriated above to conduct this study. Texas A&M University System Health Science Center shall report to the Legislature its findings no later than November 30, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 122,713,570	\$ 121,738,165
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,897,569	\$ 1,897,569
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>9,108,710</u>	<u>9,108,710</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 11,006,279	\$ 11,006,279
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts	\$ 825,000	\$ 825,000
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	1,044,613	1,044,613
Permanent Endowment Fund, UNTHSC at Fort Worth, estimated	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 2,994,613</u>	<u>\$ 2,994,613</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 136,714,462</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 135,739,057</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 32.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	877.9	877.9
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**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 45,552,517	\$ 45,552,517
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING</b>	5,721,179	5,721,179
Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH</b>	2,865,583	2,865,583
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING</b>	6,217,219	6,217,219
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: PHARMACY EDUCATION</b>	10,428,544	10,428,544
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>	74,863	74,863
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	3,832,661	3,832,661
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	\$ 960,689	\$ 960,689
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	135,000	135,000
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE</b>	40,000	40,000
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 1,225,449</u>	<u>\$ 1,225,449</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 77,053,704	\$ 77,053,704
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT</b>	\$ 2,378,773	\$ 2,378,773

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<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RESEARCH OPS Performance Based Research Operations.	<u>19,623,546</u>	<u>19,623,546</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT	\$ 22,002,319	\$ 22,002,319
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 4,740,501	\$ 4,740,501
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	\$ 14,244,231	\$ 13,268,826
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> LEASE OF FACILITIES	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 19,054,732	\$ 18,079,327
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> HEALTH CARE		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> ALZHEIMER'S DIAG &TREATMENT CENTER Alzheimer's Diagnostic and Treatment Center.	\$ 532,032	\$ 532,032
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> INST. PATIENT SAFETY & PREV. HARM Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm.	1,753,544	1,753,544
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> HEALTHCARE AND WORKFORCE READINESS	5,000,000	5,000,000
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> OPTOMETRY, NURSING, & HEALTHCARE P4	6,250,000	6,250,000
<b>D.2. Objective:</b> PUBLIC SERVICE		
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> DNA LABORATORY	\$ 825,000	\$ 825,000
<b>D.2.2. Strategy:</b> ECON DEV & TECH COMMERCIALIZATION Economic Development & Technology Commercialization.	1,456,541	1,456,541
<b>D.3. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>D.3.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 616,977</u>	<u>\$ 616,977</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 16,434,094	\$ 16,434,094
<b>E. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS - UNT HSC FT WORTH Tobacco Earnings for the UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth.	\$ 1,125,000	\$ 1,125,000
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>1,044,613</u>	<u>1,044,613</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 2,169,613</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,613</u>
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT FORT WORTH</b>	<u>\$ 136,714,462</u>	<u>\$ 135,739,057</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,144,442	\$ 51,066,485
Other Personnel Costs	3,655,441	3,657,055
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	40,307,309	40,137,182
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	2,935,146	2,981,731
Professional Fees and Services	1,077,107	1,083,682
Fuels and Lubricants	25,268	25,338
Consumable Supplies	1,965,370	1,971,634
Utilities	3,343,173	3,335,037
Travel	302,615	302,216
Rent - Building	642,968	642,188
Rent - Machine and Other	481,293	480,637
Debt Service	14,244,231	13,268,826
Other Operating Expense	14,853,368	14,037,711
Grants	1,225,449	1,225,449
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,511,282</u>	<u>1,523,886</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 136,714,462</u>	<u>\$ 135,739,057</u>

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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 7,441,674	\$ 8,168,947
Group Insurance	8,809,219	9,513,251
Social Security	<u>6,307,023</u>	<u>6,660,216</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	<u>\$ 22,557,916</u>	<u>\$ 24,342,414</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	95%	95%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	35%	35%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	60%	60%
Percent of Graduates in Family Practice in Texas	15%	15%
Percent of Graduates Entering a Family Practice Residency	15%	15%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	95%	95%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Public Health School Graduates Who Are Employed in Texas	80%	80%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.75%	8.75%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	60%	60%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Postdoctoral Research Trainees (All Schools)	20	20
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	30%	30%
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total DO Admissions	15%	15%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	58%	58%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	115,000	115,000
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	75%	75%
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	675	675
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	12%	12%
 <b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	93,937,617	96,755,745

2. **Forensic Laboratory.** The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth is authorized to conduct all blood and DNA tests associated with paternity testing for the Office of the Attorney General at a monetary rate not to exceed the monetary rate at which the Attorney General could obtain the service elsewhere to the extent permitted under federal law and regulations. The income derived from this testing is to be spent only on the Forensic Laboratory. In addition, the services of the Forensic Laboratory are available to other entities or interested parties approved by the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

3. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for the University of North Texas Health Science Center at

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Fort Worth No. 819 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth No. 819 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

**4. Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm.** Out of funds appropriated to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy D.1.2, Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm, \$1,753,544 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,753,544 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used for the Institute for Patient Safety and Preventable Harm.

**5. Healthcare Workforce Expansion.** In order to provide maximum efficiency for students and to support healthcare workforce expansion in the North Texas region, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth's academic programs at sites recognized as a separate campus by either the Legislature or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be eligible for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula, if the individual program is at a remote site, and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.

**6. Healthcare and Workforce Readiness.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, Healthcare and Workforce Readiness, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to address healthcare and workforce readiness.

**7. Healthcare Pre-Professional Pathways Program (P4).** Included in amounts appropriated above to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy D.1.4, Optometry, Nursing & Healthcare P4, is funding to support a collaborative effort between the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and the University of North Texas at Dallas to establish, operate, and administer a healthcare pre-professional pathways program. Notwithstanding Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 4 Transfer Provisions of this Act, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth may transfer appropriated funds from Strategy D.1.4, Optometry, Nursing, & Healthcare P4, to the University of North Texas at Dallas to be used for support and services related to the healthcare pre-professional pathways program at the University of North Texas at Dallas.

For the purposes of requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance, appropriations made to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth and transferred to the University of North Texas at Dallas to be used for support or services related to the healthcare preprofessional pathways program at the University of North Texas at Dallas shall be counted as if the transferred funds were directly appropriated to the University of North Texas at Dallas.

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Method of Financing:	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
General Revenue Fund	\$ 163,100,419	\$ 161,687,129

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<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 4,877,177	\$ 4,877,177
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>10,985,276</u>	<u>10,985,276</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 15,862,453	\$ 15,862,453
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,754,271	\$ 1,754,271
Permanent Endowment Fund, Texas Tech University HSC (Other than El Paso) No. 821, estimated	<u>1,934,636</u>	<u>1,934,636</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 3,688,907</u>	<u>\$ 3,688,907</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 182,651,779</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 181,238,489</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 19.8% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>		
	1,659.4	1,659.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 41,455,227	\$ 41,455,227
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.	2,439,911	2,439,911
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS TRAINING	23,163,665	23,163,665
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> NURSING EDUCATION	25,703,773	25,703,773
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> PHARMACY EDUCATION	15,376,942	15,376,942
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE TRAINING IN PUBLIC HEALTH	1,752,180	1,752,180
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	3,617,746	3,617,746
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 1,563,789	\$ 1,563,789
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	316,259	316,259
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$ 1,556,444</u>	<u>\$ 1,556,444</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 116,945,936	\$ 116,945,936
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,980,659	\$ 1,980,659
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED RURAL OPERATIONS	<u>20,687,730</u>	<u>20,687,729</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>	\$ 22,668,389	\$ 22,668,388
<b>C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 9,628,470	\$ 9,628,470
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>\$ 14,634,403</u>	<u>\$ 13,221,114</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 24,262,873	\$ 22,849,584
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM	\$ 427,845	\$ 427,845
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> TELEHEALTH TECH & INNOVATION Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation.	5,000,000	5,000,000
<b>D.2. Objective:</b> RESIDENCY TRAINING		
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY/COMMUNITY MEDICINE RESIDENCY Family and Community Medicine Residency Training Program.	\$ 356,112	\$ 356,112
<b>D.2.2. Strategy:</b> MIDLAND MEDICAL RESIDENCY Midland Medical Residency.	3,316,744	3,316,744



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D.2.3. Strategy: PERMIAN BASIN RURAL GEN SURGICAL	838,002	838,002
Permian Basin Rural General Surgical Residency.		
D.3. Objective: HEALTH CARE		
D.3.1. Strategy: RURAL HEALTH CARE	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
D.4. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL		
D.4.1. Strategy: INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 2,646,971</u>	<u>\$ 2,646,971</u>
Total, Goal D: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 15,085,674	\$ 15,085,674
E. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS		
E.1.1. Strategy: TOBACCO EARNINGS TX TECH UNIV HSC	\$ 1,934,636	\$ 1,934,636
Tobacco Earnings for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.		
E.1.2. Strategy: TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND	<u>1,754,271</u>	<u>1,754,271</u>
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
Total, Goal E: TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 3,688,907</u>	<u>\$ 3,688,907</u>
Grand Total, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER	<u>\$ 182,651,779</u>	<u>\$ 181,238,489</u>
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 65,845,295	\$ 65,149,982
Other Personnel Costs	2,781,688	2,735,707
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	63,296,566	64,833,033
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	1,147,705	0
Professional Fees and Services	2,693,602	2,188,337
Fuels and Lubricants	3,421	3,586
Consumable Supplies	375,936	333,127
Utilities	267,711	249,691
Travel	227,114	217,449
Rent - Building	906,282	906,395
Rent - Machine and Other	141,344	140,380
Debt Service	14,634,403	13,221,114
Other Operating Expense	24,063,793	25,395,463
Client Services	9,557	5,639
Grants	1,556,444	1,556,444
Capital Expenditures	<u>4,700,918</u>	<u>4,302,142</u>
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	<u>\$ 182,651,779</u>	<u>\$ 181,238,489</u>
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 11,260,559	\$ 12,268,572
Group Insurance	24,672,265	26,644,780
Social Security	<u>14,344,836</u>	<u>15,148,146</u>
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	<u>\$ 50,277,660</u>	<u>\$ 54,061,498</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	97%	97%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing Primary Care in Texas	22%	22%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	57%	57%

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Percent of Allied Health Graduates Passing the Certification/Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
Percent of Allied Health Graduates Who Are Licensed or Certified in Texas	85%	85%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensure Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	90%	90%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	95%	95%
Percent of Pharmacy School Graduates Passing the National Licensure Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
Percent of Pharmacy School Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	95%	95%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	5.3%	5.3%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Practicing in Texas	47.91%	42.07%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Avg Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	5,460	5,625
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	35%	35%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	21%	21%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	50%	50%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	108,000	108,500
Percent of Medical School Graduates Students with Student Loan Debt	73%	73%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-time Student	12,000	12,200
Percent of Full-time Students Receiving Financial Aid	68%	68.5%
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: NURSING EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Master of Science in Nursing Graduates Granted Advanced Practice Status in Texas	65%	65%
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	630	634
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	22%	22%

**B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT**

<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	26,455,523	27,116,911

**2. Appropriation of Costs for Health Care to Inmates.** None of the funds appropriated above shall be expended to provide or support the provision of health care to inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). It is the intent of the Legislature that all costs for providing health care to inmates of the TDCJ including costs of operating TDCJ hospital facilities in Galveston County and Lubbock County shall be paid from appropriations made to the TDCJ, from General Revenue benefits appropriations made elsewhere in this Act, and from any financial reserves from contracts with TDCJ that are held by the university for the correctional health care services. Appropriations made to the TDCJ for the provision of inmate health care services shall be expended in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 501, Subchapter E.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, contract services funds appropriated to TDCJ and provided to the University are eligible to receive state-paid General Revenue benefits support for Retirement, Group Insurance, and Social Security from funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act. For purposes of the requirements of Article IX, Section 6.08 Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance of this Act, contract services funds appropriated to TDCJ and provided to the University for correctional health care services shall be treated as if the funds received are appropriated by this Act and are not required to be held in the state treasury.

**3. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at locations other than El Paso No. 821 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

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- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at locations other than El Paso No. 821 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

4. **Campus Academic Programs.** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center academic programs at sites recognized as separate campuses by either the Legislature or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be eligible for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula, if the individual program is at a remote site, and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.
5. **Permian Basin Rural General Surgical Resident Training Program.** Out of funds appropriated in Strategy D.2.3, Permian Basin General Surgical Residency, \$838,002 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$838,002 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 will be used to support the Permian Basin General Surgical Resident Training Program.
6. **Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.2, Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Institute for Telehealth Technology and Innovation.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 81,053,379	\$ 79,444,643
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 891,060	\$ 891,060
Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>4,469,042</u>	<u>4,469,042</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 5,360,102	\$ 5,360,102
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,352,325	\$ 1,352,325
Permanent Endowment Fund, Texas Tech University HSC El Paso No. 820, estimated	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>1,400,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 2,752,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,752,325</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 89,165,806</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 87,557,070</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	762.6	762.6
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 22,534,336	\$ 22,534,336

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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL EDUCATION	9,851,488	9,851,488
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES TRAINING Graduate Training in Biomedical Sciences.	357,136	357,136
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> NURSING EDUCATION	3,821,009	3,821,009
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	2,011,849	2,011,849
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> PERFORMANCE BASED BORDER HEALTH OPS Performance Based Border Health Operations.	14,253,988	14,253,988
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 458,586	\$ 458,586
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	105,419	105,419
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	\$ 649,212	\$ 649,212
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> DENTAL LOANS	<u>16,416</u>	<u>16,416</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 54,059,439	\$ 54,059,439
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,560,276	\$ 1,560,276
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 3,220,629	\$ 3,220,629
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	<u>\$ 13,359,070</u>	<u>\$ 11,750,334</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 16,579,699	\$ 14,970,963
<b>D. Goal:</b> PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SUPPORT		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> DENTAL CLINICAL EDUCATION	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000
<b>E. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>E.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> SOUTH TEXAS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION South Texas Border Region Health Professional Education.	\$ 537,047	\$ 537,047
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC SUPPORT-BORDER DEVELOPMENT Academic Operations Support - Border Region Development.	259,086	259,086
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine.	7,000,000	7,000,000
<b>E.2. Objective:</b> RESIDENCY TRAINING		
<b>E.2.1. Strategy:</b> BORDER HEALTH - RESIDENT SUPPORT Border Health Care Support - Resident Support.	\$ 2,534,426	\$ 2,534,426
<b>E.3. Objective:</b> RESEARCH		
<b>E.3.1. Strategy:</b> DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER	\$ 190,388	\$ 190,388
<b>E.4. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>E.4.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 693,120</u>	<u>\$ 693,120</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 11,214,067	\$ 11,214,067
<b>F. Goal:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO EARNINGS TX TECH HSC ELPASO Tobacco Earnings - Texas Tech Univ Health Sciences Center (El Paso).	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO - PERMANENT HEALTH FUND Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.	<u>1,352,325</u>	<u>1,352,325</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> TOBACCO FUNDS	<u>\$ 2,752,325</u>	<u>\$ 2,752,325</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT EL PASO</b>	<u>\$ 89,165,806</u>	<u>\$ 87,557,070</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 32,358,213	\$ 31,758,874
Other Personnel Costs	1,226,418	1,224,049
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	35,301,473	36,357,369
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	42,548	109,635

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Professional Fees and Services	146,211	201,475
Fuels and Lubricants	9,872	13,428
Consumable Supplies	209,379	260,816
Utilities	211,417	280,401
Rent - Machine and Other	62,031	67,392
Debt Service	13,359,070	11,750,334
Other Operating Expense	5,573,546	4,867,669
Grants	<u>665,628</u>	<u>665,628</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 89,165,806</b>	<b>\$ 87,557,070</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

## Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	5,024,277	\$	5,502,995
Group Insurance		6,766,942		7,307,549
Social Security		<u>4,379,346</u>		<u>4,624,589</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	16,170,565	\$	17,435,133
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- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	95%	95%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	40%	40%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Passing the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt in Texas	85%	85%
Percent of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates Who Are Licensed in Texas	90%	90%
Administrative (Institutional Support) Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7%	7%
Percent of Dental School Graduates Admitted to an Advanced Education Program in General Dentistry	30%	33%
Percent of Dental School Students Passing the National Licensing Exam or Equivalent Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	90%	90%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Resident Undergraduate Tuition and Fees for 15 Semester Credit Hours	6,946	7,091
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	55%	55%
Minority MD Admissions as a Percent of Total MD Admissions	30%	30%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	45%	45%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	133,586	136,258
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	89.85%	91.65%
Average Financial Aid Award per Full-time Student	11,381	11,609
Percent of Full-time Students Receiving Financial Aid	92.82%	94.68%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DENTAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions as a Percent of Total Dental School Admissions	35%	35%
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	371	376
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents as a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	30%	30%

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B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT

Outcome (Results/Impact):

Total External Research Expenditures	4,013,165	4,093,429
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2. **Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are: (1) estimated appropriations of amounts available for distribution or investment returns out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso No. 820 and (2) estimated appropriations of the institution's estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.

- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the Permanent Endowment Fund for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso No. 820 and of the institution's allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

3. **Campus Academic Programs.** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso academic programs at sites recognized as separate campuses by either the Legislature or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall be eligible for the small class supplement component of the instruction and operations formula, if the individual program is at a remote site, and the multi-campus adjustment component of the space projection model.

4. **Dental School.** The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso is authorized to initiate curriculum design and development, faculty recruitment, and commencement of organization and other processes necessary to attain accreditation of a four-year dental school. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall seek the support of the El Paso community, El Paso area foundations, units of local government and any other individuals, groups and entities that may support and contribute to the development and establishment of a dental school.

5. **Informational Listing - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso Patient Income.** The following is an informational listing of the estimated amount of patient income for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso during the 2026-27 biennium. The Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) included in this informational listing shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.10.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Health Related Institutions Patient Income, estimated	\$508,479	\$556,649
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs) - Patient Income	12.0	12.0

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 23,186,277	\$ 23,186,277
General Revenue Fund - Dedicated		
Estimated Board Authorized Tuition Increases Account No. 704	\$ 1,070,231	\$ 1,070,231

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Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>255,453</u>	<u>255,453</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 1,325,684	\$ 1,325,684
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 75.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	179.0	179.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional And Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MEDICAL EDUCATION	\$ 10,556,433	\$ 10,556,433
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION	1,295,463	1,295,463
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 96,013	\$ 96,013
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>\$ 159,440</u>	<u>\$ 159,440</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 12,107,349	\$ 12,107,349
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT	\$ 1,424,621	\$ 1,424,621
<b>C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 979,991	\$ 979,991
<b>D. Goal: PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
<b>D.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATION		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000
<b>E. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TOBACCO-PERMANENT HEALTH FUND	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>
Tobacco Earnings from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Grand Total, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF MEDICINE</b>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,828,051	\$ 8,284,598
Other Personnel Costs	357,689	224,554
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	11,139,665	12,175,007
Professional Fees and Services	961,674	754,958
Fuels and Lubricants	36	6
Consumable Supplies	94,148	191,881
Utilities	295,826	100,949
Rent - Building	7,669	15,838
Rent - Machine and Other	968,981	993,724
Other Operating Expense	2,798,782	2,439,158
Grants	159,440	159,440
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>271,848</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 25,611,961</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,192,146	\$ 1,287,710
Group Insurance	954,820	1,031,206
Social Security	<u>1,479,501</u>	<u>1,562,353</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,626,467</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,881,269</u></u>

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**  
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the University of Houston College of Medicine. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the University of Houston College of Medicine. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the University of Houston College of Medicine shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical School Students Passing Part 1 or Part 2 of the National Licensing Exam on the First Attempt	0%	0%
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	0%	0%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority Admissions As a Percent of Total First-year Admissions (All Schools)	49%	50%
Minority MD Admissions As a Percent of Total MD Admissions	0%	0%
Percent of Medical School Graduates Entering a Primary Care Residency	60%	60%
Average Student Loan Debt for Medical School Graduates	0	0
Percent of Medical School Graduates with Student Loan Debt	0%	0%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD or DO Residents	0	0
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Minority MD or DO Residents As a Percent of Total MD or DO Residents	0%	0%
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	0	0

- 2. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of the institution’s estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- a. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.
- b. All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution’s allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 27,949,205	\$ 27,949,205
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 3,072,898	\$ 3,072,898
Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, estimated	\$ 1,188,917	\$ 1,188,917
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 32,211,020</u>	<u>\$ 32,211,020</u>



**SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**  
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 72.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-</b>		
<b>Appropriated Funds</b>	229.2	229.2

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional And Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 26,432,427	\$ 26,432,427
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>	47,759	47,759
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: SAM HOUSTON REGIONAL CONSORTIUM</b>	1,798,650	1,798,650
Sam Houston Regional Education Consortium.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	\$ 98,751	\$ 98,751
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>\$ 466,845</u>	<u>\$ 466,845</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 28,844,432	\$ 28,844,432
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT</b>	\$ 1,420,862	\$ 1,420,862
<b>C. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 756,809	\$ 756,809
<b>D. Goal: TOBACCO FUNDS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: TOBACCO-PERMANENT HEALTH FUND</b>	<u>\$ 1,188,917</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,917</u>
Tobacco Earnings From The Permanent Health Fund For Higher Ed. No. 810.		
<b>Grand Total, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE</b>	<u><u>\$ 32,211,020</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,211,020</u></u>

**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 11,388,134	\$ 13,792,499
Other Personnel Costs	1,838,971	409,237
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	12,242,295	14,495,095
Professional Fees and Services	313,942	0
Fuels and Lubricants	1,578	0
Consumable Supplies	48,129	0
Utilities	244,018	0
Travel	2,157	0
Rent - Building	588	0
Rent - Machine and Other	293	0
Other Operating Expense	5,126,407	3,047,344
Grants	466,845	466,845
Capital Expenditures	<u>537,663</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 32,211,020</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 32,211,020</u></u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 505,983	\$ 549,784
Group Insurance	549,235	593,149
Social Security	<u>1,178,535</u>	<u>1,244,533</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,233,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,387,466</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Medical Residency Completers Practicing in Texas	0%	60%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of MD Residents	20	26
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE RESEARCH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total External Research Expenditures	1,845,383	1,882,291

- 2. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are estimated appropriations of the institution’s estimated allocation of amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810.
- (a) Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the institution. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

(b) All balances of estimated appropriations from the institution’s allocation from the amounts available for distribution out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education No. 810, except for any monies from the General Revenue Fund, at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, and the income to said fund during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated to the institution for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,241,825,019	\$ 1,231,825,017
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,241,825,019	\$ 1,231,825,017
This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: FORMULA SUPPORT		
A.1.1. Strategy: BASE TIER	\$ 59,769,458	\$ 59,769,458
A.1.2. Strategy: PERFORMANCE TIER	1,135,619,693	1,135,619,693
A.1.3. Strategy: PERFORMANCE TIER DYNAMIC ADJUSTMENT	8,370,911	8,370,911
A.1.4. Strategy: PERFORMANCE TIER SETTLE UP	9,615,036	9,615,036
Total, Goal A: FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 1,213,375,098	\$ 1,213,375,098
B. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
B.1. Objective: ALAMO COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
B.1.1. Strategy: VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE CENTERS	\$ 3,855,480	\$ 3,855,480
B.2. Objective: ANGELINA COLLEGE		
B.2.1. Strategy: TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSORTIUM	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500
B.3. Objective: BRAZOSPORT COLLEGE		
B.3.1. Strategy: CATALYST PROGRAM	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
B.4. Objective: DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
B.4.1. Strategy: SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER	\$ 1,553,615	\$ 1,553,615
B.4.2. Strategy: STARLINK	278,293	278,292
B.5. Objective: GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE		
B.5.1. Strategy: TV MUNSON VITICULTURE&ENOLOGY CNTR	\$ 303,240	\$ 303,240
NonForm. Spt. Instructional T.V. Munson Viticulture and Enology Center.		
B.6. Objective: HILL COLLEGE		
B.6.1. Strategy: HERITAGE MUSEUM/GENEALOGY CENTER	\$ 308,872	\$ 308,872
Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center.		
B.7. Objective: HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
B.7.1. Strategy: RGNL RESP EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500
Regional Response Emergency Training Center.		
B.8. Objective: HOWARD COLLEGE		
B.8.1. Strategy: SOUTHWEST COLLEGE FOR THE DEAF	\$ 3,326,403	\$ 3,326,403
B.9. Objective: LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE		
B.9.1. Strategy: IMPORT/EXPORT TRAINING CENTER	\$ 141,164	\$ 141,164
Regional Import/Export Training Center.		
B.10. Objective: MIDLAND COLLEGE		
B.10.1. Strategy: PERMIAN BASIN PETROLEUM MUSEUM	\$ 307,854	\$ 307,853
B.11. Objective: NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE		
B.11.1. Strategy: TEXAS MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
B.12. Objective: SAN JACINTO COLLEGE		
B.12.1. Strategy: CENTER FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY	\$ 10,000,000	\$ UB
Center For Biotechnology - Biomanufacturing Training Program.		
B.13. Objective: SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE		
B.13.1. Strategy: TECHNICAL PROGRAM EXPANSION	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
B.14. Objective: WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE		
B.14.1. Strategy: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRADE SCHOOL	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000
Total, Goal B: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT	\$ 28,449,921	\$ 18,449,919
Grand Total, PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES	\$ 1,241,825,019	\$ 1,231,825,017
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,217,331,680	\$ 1,217,331,679
Other Personnel Costs	903,513	903,513
Consumable Supplies	52,375	52,375

**PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES**  
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Utilities	242,703	242,703
Other Operating Expense	8,725,518	8,725,517
Grants	500,000	500,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>14,069,230</u>	<u>4,069,230</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,241,825,019</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,231,825,017</u></b>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 127,583,246	\$ 123,366,887
Group Insurance	<u>215,887,791</u>	<u>233,127,728</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>343,471,037</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>356,494,615</u></b>
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- 1. Administration of Appropriated Funds.** Funds appropriated above shall be administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- 2. Appropriation Eligibility.** To be eligible for and to receive an appropriation a public community/junior college must be certified as required by Education Code, Section 61.063, and comply with the following provisions:
- (a) On or before the dates for reporting official enrollments each semester to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, each college will collect in full from each student that is to be counted for state aid purposes the amounts set as tuition by the respective governing boards. Valid contracts with the United States government for instruction of eligible military personnel, and valid contracts with private business and public service-type organizations or institutions such as hospitals, may be considered as collections thereunder, but subject to adjustments after final payment thereof. Financial aid awards processed by the financial aid office but not yet issued to the student shall be considered as collections thereunder but subject to adjustments after final payment thereof.
  - (b) Each community/junior college must use a registration and financial reporting system which is sufficient to satisfy the audit requirements of the State Auditor and furnish any reports and information as the auditor may require.
  - (c) Each community/junior college must file by December 1 of each fiscal year directly with the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Reference Library, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a copy of an annual operating budget, and subsequent amendments thereto, approved by the community/junior college governing board. The operating budget shall be in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the board and/or agency with the advice of the State Auditor providing, however, that each report include departmental operating budgets by function.
- 3. Audit of Compliance.** The compliance of each public community/junior college with the requirements set forth in the paragraphs above shall be ascertained by the State Auditor who shall also audit the pertinent books and records of each college as necessary.
- 4. Disbursement of Appropriated Funds.** The distribution of appropriated funds shall be prepared by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in compliance with Education Code, Chapters 61, 130 and 130A.
- (a) Funds appropriated in strategies above as non-formula support shall be distributed no later than September 25 each fiscal year to the community college.
  - (b) Prior to the disbursement of any state funds, Midland College shall implement a grant agreement with Permian Basin Petroleum Museum specifying the use of funds, and that funds shall be spent according to state law and the General Appropriations Act.
- 5. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, at the community colleges from the Public Junior College State Finance Program are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

## PUBLIC COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES

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- 6. Separation of Funds.** The funds appropriated by the State shall be maintained separately by community/junior colleges from other sources of income.
- 7. Supplanting of Federal Funds Prohibited.** State funds shall not be used to supplant federal funds for the Workforce Investment Act programs conducted by community/junior colleges.
- 8. Residency of Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inmates.** All inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are, for educational funding purposes in this Act only, residents of the State of Texas.
- 9. Informational Listing of Other Appropriations.** In addition to the funds appropriated above, monies from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated elsewhere in this Act for the use of the Public Community/Junior Colleges as follows:
  - (a) Out of the monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated to the Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions, \$449,015,519 is intended for the use of public community colleges, subject to the provisions associated with that appropriation.
  - (b) Out of the monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated to the Teacher Retirement System, an estimated \$223,965,210 is appropriated for the state matching contribution for public community college employees.
  - (c) Out of the monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated to the Optional Retirement Program, an estimated \$26,984,924 is appropriated for the state matching contribution for public community college employees.
- 10. Approved Elements of Expenditure and Non-formula Support Item Expenditures.** The expenditures by a public community/junior college of any funds received by it under these provisions headed "Public Community/Junior Colleges" shall be limited to the payment of the following elements of cost: instruction, academic support, student services, institutional support, organized activities, and staff benefits associated with salaries paid from the General Revenue Fund. It is specifically provided, however, that in addition to the purposes enumerated herein, the funds appropriated above for non-formula support items may be expended for salaries, wages, travel, capital outlay and other necessary operating expenses. It is specifically provided that funds appropriated above may not be used for the operation of intercollegiate athletics.
- 11. Funding for StarLink at Dallas Community College.** Funds identified above in Strategy B.4.2, StarLink, are to be used for the sole purpose of supporting the StarLink program and are subject to the provisions of Rider 2 in this bill pattern.
- 12. Grayson County College - Viticulture & Enology.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.5.1, TV Munson Viticulture & Enology Center, \$303,240 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$303,240 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for Viticulture and Enology.
- 13. Hill College - Heritage Museum.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.6.1, Heritage Museum/Genealogy Center, \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for Hill College Texas Heritage Museum.
- 14. Reporting Requirement.** Each public community/junior college shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1 of each fiscal year that includes the following information:
  - (a) the number of contact hours generated by each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year and the amount of formula funding transferred to each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year; and
  - (b) the total tuition and fee revenue collected at each campus of the public community/junior college district in the prior fiscal year and the amount of total tuition and fee revenue that each campus transferred to another campus in the prior fiscal year.

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- 15. Alamo Community College - Veteran's Assistance Centers.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Veteran's Assistance Centers, \$3,855,480 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,855,480 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for Veteran's Assistance Centers.
- 16. Houston Community College - Regional Response Emergency Training Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.7.1, Regional Response Emergency Training Center, \$1,187,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,187,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Regional Response Emergency Training Center.
- 17. North Central Texas College - Texas Medal of Honor Museum.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.11.1, Texas Medal of Honor Museum, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Texas Medal of Honor Museum.
- 18. Southwest Texas Junior College - Technical Program Expansion.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.13.1, Technical Program Expansion, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for Technical Program Expansion.
- 19. Wharton County Junior College - Economic Development Trade School.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.14.1, Economic Development Trade School, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used for the Economic Development Trade School. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.
- 20. Public Junior College State Finance Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above, and any other funds appropriated for the Public Junior College Finance Program during the 2026-27 biennium, a total of \$2,426,750,195 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium shall represent the sum-certain appropriation to the Public Junior College Finance Program. The total appropriation may not exceed the sum-certain amount.

The Commissioner shall make allocations to community college districts under Chapters 61, 130, and 130A based on the following:

- (a) **Base Tier Funding.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine a guaranteed instruction and operation funding level using the statewide basic allotment rate as set by the General Appropriations Act or other legislative appropriation, weighted full-time equivalent students enrolled at the district, and the district's contact hour funding as set by legislative appropriation. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will compare the guaranteed instruction and operations amount to estimated local share amounts to determine the state's share of base tier of funding.
- (b) **Performance Tier.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall determine the attainment of measurable outcomes by students of public community/junior colleges for achievement of credentials of value, attainment of 15 semester credit hours of dual credit or dual enrollment courses, eligible transfer to a general academic institution, and eligible participation in a co-enrollment program.
- (c) **Base tier and performance tier allocations** shall include applicable weighting in accordance with Chapters 130 and 130A.

The amounts identified in Subsections (a) - (c) are used solely to determine the initial annual payments to community college districts. To the extent that amounts provided above differ from a local community college district's updated data and outcome measures, the Commissioner shall settle-up with local community college district pursuant to Rider 21, Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Data Elements and applicable provisions in Education Code, Chapters 61, 130, and 130A.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may make transfers as appropriate between Strategy A.1.1, Base Tier, and Strategy A.1.2, Performance Tier. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of any such transfers at least 15 business days prior to the transfer.

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- 21. Appropriation of Audit Adjustments, Settle-Up Funds and Data Elements.** When reviews and audits of allocations to a community college district reveal the allocations previously made were greater or less than the amounts found to be due, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may recover or pay the sums necessary to adjust to the correct amounts. All such amounts recovered are appropriated for purposes of the Public Junior College State Finance Program, and the amounts necessary to make such additional payments to the local community college district are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0). All funds received from Public Junior College State Finance Program as recovery for overpayment pursuant to Education Code, Section 130A.009 of the Texas Education Code are appropriated to the Coordinating Board for distribution to community college districts for Public Junior College State Finance Program purposes. All unexpended balances on August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in fiscal year 2027 for distribution to community colleges for the Public Junior College State Finance Program purposes.
- 22. Additional Transfer Authority to Implement House Bill 8.** Notwithstanding the general provisions of this Act, the Commissioner of Higher Education is authorized to transfer funds from fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026, as necessary to implement the provisions of House Bill 8, only upon the approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board makes its recommendation on the transfer to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.
- 23. Unexpended Balance Authority for House Bill 8.** Any unexpended balances of funds appropriated by this rider that will be used for formula funding in Strategy A.1.1, Base Tier and Strategy A.1.2, Performance Tier as a result of House Bill 8 are appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose. It is the intent of the legislature that any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2027, will be appropriated to the Public Community/Junior Colleges for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, for the same purpose.
- 24. Base and Performance Tier Formula Rates.** Appropriations for the Base and Performance Tier Formulas are determined in part by the following inputs and their associated rates:
- Base Tier Formula
- Basic Allotment: \$1,479 per weighted full-time student equivalent
- Performance Tier Formula
- Student transfer to a general academic teaching institution upon earning at least 15 semester credit hours at a junior college district or enrollment in a structured co-enrollment program, as authorized by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule: \$3,500 per outcome
- Student completion of a sequence of at least 15 semester credit hours or the equivalent for dual credit or dual enrollment courses, as defined by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rule, that apply toward academic or workforce program requirements at the postsecondary level: \$3,500 per outcome
- Student receipt of an Institutional Credential Leading to Licensure: \$1,000 per outcome
- Student receipt of an Institutional Credential Leading to Licensure in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$1,250 per outcome
- Student receipt of an Occupational Skills Award: \$1,000 per outcome
- Student receipt of an Occupational Skills Award in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$1,250 per outcome
- Student receipt of a Certificate: \$1,750 per outcome
- Student receipt of Certificate in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$3,500 per outcome

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Student receipt of an Advanced Technical Certificate: \$1,750 per outcome

Student receipt of an Advanced Technical Certificate in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$3,500 per outcome

Student receipt of an Associate Degree: \$3,500 per outcome

Student receipt of an Associate Degree in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$4,500 per outcome

Student receipt of a Bachelor's Degree: \$3,500 per outcome

Student receipt of a Bachelor's Degree in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$4,500 per outcome

Student receipt of an Opportunity High School Diploma: \$3,500 per outcome

Student receipt of a Third-Party Credential: \$1,000 per outcome

Student receipt of an Third-Party Credential in a High-Demand Field, as determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: \$1,250 per outcome

**25. Base and Performance Tier Formula Weights.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board establishes the following weights per full-time student equivalent attending a public community/junior college to determine in part Base and Performance Tier Formula appropriations:

Base Tier Formula

25 years of age or older: additional 0.50 full-time student equivalent

Economically disadvantaged (as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board): additional 0.25 full-time student equivalent

Academically disadvantaged (as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board): additional 0.25 full-time student equivalent

Institutions with enrollment of fewer than 5,000 full-time student equivalents: additional 0.40 full-time student equivalents per full-time student equivalent below 5,000 full-time student equivalents enrolled

Performance Tier Formula

25 years of age or older: additional 0.50 full-time student equivalent

Economically disadvantaged (as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board): additional 0.25 full-time student equivalent

Academically disadvantaged (as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board): additional 0.25 full-time student equivalent

- 26. Reporting Requirement.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, any information or data related to community college formula funding by September 1st of each year.
- 27. San Jacinto College - Center for Biotechnology.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.12.1, Center for Biotechnology, \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for the Center for Biotechnology. Any unexpended balances on hand in this strategy at the end of fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027.



TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,043,001	\$ 3,043,001
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 21,042	\$ 22,515
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 3,064,043	\$ 3,065,516

This bill pattern represents an estimated 70.8% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	36.3	36.3
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

A.1.1. Strategy: CENTER FOR EMPLOYABILITY OUTCOMES	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000
The Center for Employability Outcomes.		
A.1.2. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	21,042	22,515
A.1.3. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	1,563	1,563
A.1.4. Strategy: SYSTEM OFFICE OPERATIONS	2,681,438	2,681,438

Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 3,064,043	\$ 3,065,516
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Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,064,043	\$ 3,065,516
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,708,943	\$ 2,708,943
Other Personnel Costs	298,369	299,842
Other Operating Expense	56,731	56,731

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 3,064,043	\$ 3,065,516
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 697,434	\$ 751,176
Group Insurance	6,210,847	6,707,714
Social Security	463,185	489,123

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 7,371,466	\$ 7,948,013
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1. **Governing Board.** Out of the funds appropriated above, an amount not to exceed \$49,000 in each year of the biennium shall be for all expenses associated with the governing board's duties including, but not limited to: travel, entertainment, lodging and expenses of state employees who provide services for the governing board.

A separate record of the board's expenditures shall be kept and retained in the same manner as the fiscal records of the institution(s) the board governs. No funds may be used for the governing board's expenses except for the specific amounts designated above. Funds appropriated for the governing board's expenses may be used for any other purpose covered by this Act.

2. **Expenditure Reporting for System Administration and Extension Centers.** Prior to each legislative session the Texas State Technical College System Administration shall file with the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor a report detailing expenditures for system administration and any extension centers. The report shall compare actual expenditures to funds appropriated for those purposes and shall cover the current and previous two biennia.

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - HARLINGEN

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 36,370,538	\$ 36,349,860
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 2,382,389	\$ 2,630,905
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 38,752,927</u>	<u>\$ 38,980,765</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	581.3	581.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 30,637,634	\$ 30,830,490
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	209,817	209,817
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	45,000	45,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	342,325	376,557
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> DUAL CREDIT	<u>450,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>
Dual Credit Enrollment.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 31,684,776	\$ 31,911,864
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 1,972,429	\$ 1,972,429
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	3,147,300	3,148,050
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 6,436,296	\$ 6,437,046
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 631,855</u>	<u>\$ 631,855</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - HARLINGEN</b>	<u>\$ 38,752,927</u>	<u>\$ 38,980,765</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 18,766,786	\$ 18,809,312
Other Personnel Costs	1,593,076	1,589,492
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	13,725,574	13,687,843
Utilities	554,525	554,525
Debt Service	3,147,300	3,148,050
Other Operating Expense	623,341	814,986
Grants	<u>342,325</u>	<u>376,557</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 38,752,927</u>	<u>\$ 38,980,765</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,583,207	\$ 2,894,742
Group Insurance	3,632,434	3,922,696
Social Security	<u>2,226,520</u>	<u>2,351,194</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 8,442,161</u>	<u>\$ 9,168,632</u>

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - HARLINGEN  
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - Harlingen. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - Harlingen. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - Harlingen shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	25%	25%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	733	748
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	683	696
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	1,598	1,637
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	63.8%	63.4%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	9,191	9,421
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.93%	8.93%

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WEST TEXAS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 23,210,196	\$ 23,203,849
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>\$ 970,582</u>	<u>\$ 1,071,722</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,180,778</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,275,571</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 57.8% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	319.1	319.1
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**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 18,934,261	\$ 19,012,762
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	124,175	124,175
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	20,000	20,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	139,161	153,078
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: DUAL CREDIT</b>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Dual Credit Enrollment.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 19,317,597	\$ 19,410,015
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 933,343	\$ 933,343
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	1,816,238	1,818,613
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		

**TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WEST TEXAS**  
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<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,567</u>	<u>1,316,567</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 4,066,148	\$ 4,068,523
<b>C. Goal:</b> NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 797,033</u>	<u>\$ 797,033</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WEST TEXAS	<u>\$ 24,180,778</u>	<u>\$ 24,275,571</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 9,248,078	\$ 9,310,554
Other Personnel Costs	937,939	942,800
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	7,352,690	7,398,637
Utilities	119,346	119,346
Rent - Machine and Other	1,928,325	1,795,923
Debt Service	1,816,238	1,818,613
Other Operating Expense	2,639,001	2,736,620
Grants	<u>139,161</u>	<u>153,078</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 24,180,778</u>	<u>\$ 24,275,571</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,294,208	\$ 1,449,023
Group Insurance	2,197,193	2,372,911
Social Security	<u>1,178,657</u>	<u>1,244,658</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 4,670,058</u>	<u>\$ 5,066,592</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - West Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - West Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - West Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	36%	36%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	290	345
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	149	177
Number of Former TSTC Students Who are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	605	628
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of not Attending TSTC	73.2%	72.8%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	4,807	4,927
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.81%	8.81%

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - MARSHALL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 13,617,745	\$ 13,614,331
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 466,150	\$ 514,385
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 14,083,895</u>	<u>\$ 14,128,716</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 67% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	164.4	164.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 10,260,614	\$ 10,298,090
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	41,703	41,703
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	5,000	5,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	65,947	72,542
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> DUAL CREDIT	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Dual Credit Enrollment.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 10,473,264	\$ 10,517,335
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT	\$ 593,753	\$ 593,753
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS	1,152,338	1,153,088
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,566</u>	<u>1,316,566</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 3,062,657	\$ 3,063,407
<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 547,974</u>	<u>\$ 547,974</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - MARSHALL</b>	<u>\$ 14,083,895</u>	<u>\$ 14,128,716</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,264,206	\$ 4,267,480
Other Personnel Costs	452,903	453,152
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	4,007,506	4,010,117
Professional Fees and Services	2,395,921	2,388,127
Utilities	1,470	1,470
Debt Service	1,152,338	1,153,088
Other Operating Expense	1,743,604	1,782,740
Grants	<u>65,947</u>	<u>72,542</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 14,083,895</u>	<u>\$ 14,128,716</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 578,264	\$ 646,868
Group Insurance	714,398	771,438
Social Security	<u>597,826</u>	<u>631,331</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 1,890,488</u>	<u>\$ 2,049,637</u>

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - MARSHALL  
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - Marshall. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - Marshall. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - Marshall shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	67%	67%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	246	252
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	145	149
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	304	319
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after One Year of Not Attending TSTC	66.6%	66.3%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	1,649	1,690
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	8.15%	8.15%

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WACO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 54,866,937	\$ 54,829,029
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>\$ 4,024,398</u>	<u>\$ 4,443,633</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 58,891,335</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 59,272,662</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 43.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	825.6	825.6
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<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 50,038,864	\$ 50,364,290
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	272,492	272,492
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	85,000	85,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	576,507	634,158
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: DUAL CREDIT</b>	<u>260,538</u>	<u>260,538</u>
Dual Credit Enrollment.		
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 51,233,401	\$ 51,616,478
<b>B. Goal: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 2,845,284	\$ 2,845,284
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	<u>4,119,038</u>	<u>4,117,288</u>
Capital Construction Assistance Projects		
Revenue Bonds.		
<b>Total, Goal B: PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 6,964,322	\$ 6,962,572

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WACO  
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<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE NON-FORMULA SUPPORT		
<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$ 693,612	\$ 693,612
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - WACO</b>		
	<u>\$ 58,891,335</u>	<u>\$ 59,272,662</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 28,924,118	\$ 28,927,271
Other Personnel Costs	2,590,845	2,590,959
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	21,214,424	21,214,424
Utilities	986,571	988,435
Debt Service	4,119,038	4,117,288
Other Operating Expense	479,832	800,127
Grants	<u>576,507</u>	<u>634,158</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 58,891,335</u>	<u>\$ 59,272,662</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,967,562	\$ 4,425,858
Group Insurance	4,703,848	5,079,048
Social Security	<u>3,052,382</u>	<u>3,223,304</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 11,723,792</u>	<u>\$ 12,728,210</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - Waco. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - Waco. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - Waco shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	48%	50%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	1,510	1,573
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	840	884
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	1,933	2,007
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	65.1%	64.5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	11,593	11,883
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	11.74%	11.74%

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - FT. BEND

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 12,129,986	\$ 12,125,466

**TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - FT. BEND**  
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GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 528,642	\$ 583,985
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 12,658,628</u>	<u>\$ 12,709,451</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 67.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	119.9	119.9
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS**

Provide Instructional and Operations Support.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,623,586	\$ 3,666,513
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	49,016	49,016
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE	12,000	12,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	<u>76,464</u>	<u>84,110</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 3,761,066	\$ 3,811,639

**B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

Provide Infrastructure Support.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational and General Space Support.	\$ 521,307	\$ 521,307
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	4,182,832	4,183,082
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	<u>1,316,566</u>	<u>1,316,566</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 6,020,705	\$ 6,020,955

**C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT**

Provide Non-formula Support.

<b>C.1. Objective:</b> INSTRUCTIONAL		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STARTUP FUNDING	\$ 2,000,175	\$ 2,000,175
<b>C.2. Objective:</b> INSTITUTIONAL		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT	<u>\$ 876,682</u>	<u>\$ 876,682</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 2,876,857</u>	<u>\$ 2,876,857</u>

<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - FT. BEND</b>	<u>\$ 12,658,628</u>	<u>\$ 12,709,451</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,847,758	\$ 2,847,758
Other Personnel Costs	438,225	460,832
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	4,707,037	4,687,805
Rent - Building	197,532	197,532
Debt Service	4,182,832	4,183,082
Other Operating Expense	208,780	248,332
Grants	<u>76,464</u>	<u>84,110</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 12,658,628</u>	<u>\$ 12,709,451</u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 558,289	\$ 626,120
Group Insurance	734,999	793,469
Social Security	<u>508,697</u>	<u>537,184</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 1,801,985</u>	<u>\$ 1,956,773</u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend. In order to



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achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	67%	67%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	306	312
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	221	225
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	702	805
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	71.4%	71.2%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	1,284	1,316
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	7.33%	7.33%

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,005,540	\$ 9,001,697
GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	<u>\$ 221,521</u>	<u>\$ 244,642</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,227,061</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,246,339</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 74.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	114.4	114.4
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Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
Provide Instructional and Operations Support.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 3,986,587	\$ 4,004,526
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS</b>	20,599	20,599
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE</b>	25,000	25,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS</b>	<u>31,885</u>	<u>35,074</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 4,064,071	\$ 4,085,199
<b>B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Infrastructure Support.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: E&amp;G SPACE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 156,120	\$ 156,120
Educational and General Space Support.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS</b>	1,902,875	1,901,025
Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT</b>	<u>1,316,566</u>	<u>1,316,566</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT</b>	\$ 3,375,561	\$ 3,373,711

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<b>C. Goal: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>		
Provide Non-formula Support.		
<b>C.1. Objective: INSTRUCTIONAL</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: STARTUP FUNDING</b>	\$ 1,622,429	\$ 1,622,429
<b>C.2. Objective: INSTITUTIONAL</b>		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: INSTITUTIONAL ENHANCEMENT</b>	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
<b>Total, Goal C: NON-FORMULA SUPPORT</b>	\$ 1,787,429	\$ 1,787,429
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - NORTH TEXAS</b>	\$ 9,227,061	\$ 9,246,339
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,550,495	\$ 2,550,495
Other Personnel Costs	323,681	336,638
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	4,090,311	4,084,990
Debt Service	1,902,875	1,901,025
Other Operating Expense	327,814	338,117
Grants	31,885	35,074
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 9,227,061	\$ 9,246,339
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 409,700	\$ 461,192
Group Insurance	444,132	479,609
Social Security	472,192	498,635
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,326,024	\$ 1,439,436

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - North Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - North Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - North Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of First-time, Full-time, Degree or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated within Three Years with Either an Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	57%	59%
Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually	92	99
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	74	81
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	240	265
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of Not Attending TSTC	71.1%	70.5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	680	697
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost as a Percent of Total Expenditures	13.39%	13.39%

TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 7,560,516	\$ 7,554,809

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GR Dedicated - Estimated Other Educational and General Income Account No. 770	\$ 185,973	\$ 205,922
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Total, Method of Financing	\$ 7,746,489	\$ 7,760,731
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 68.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds	111.4	111.4
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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS

Provide Instructional And Operations Support.

A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,678,235	\$ 3,693,606
A.1.2. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS	16,173	16,173
A.1.3. Strategy: TEXAS PUBLIC EDUCATION GRANTS	28,714	31,585
Total, Goal A: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS	\$ 3,723,122	\$ 3,741,364

B. Goal: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Provide Infrastructure Support.

B.1.1. Strategy: E&G SPACE SUPPORT Educational And General Space Support.	\$ 145,112	\$ 145,112
B.1.2. Strategy: CCAP REVENUE BONDS Capital Construction Assistance Projects Revenue Bonds.	2,561,688	2,557,688
B.1.3. Strategy: SMALL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENT	1,316,567	1,316,567
Total, Goal B: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	\$ 4,023,367	\$ 4,019,367

Grand Total, TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE - EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY	\$ 7,746,489	\$ 7,760,731
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Debt Service	\$ 2,561,688	\$ 2,557,688
Other Operating Expense	5,184,801	5,203,043

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 7,746,489	\$ 7,760,731
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 287,851	\$ 324,920
Group Insurance	348,705	376,547
Social Security	463,185	489,123

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 1,099,741	\$ 1,190,590
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: INSTRUCTION/OPERATIONS <b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b> Percent Of First-time, Full-time, Degree Or Certificate-seeking Students Graduated Within Three Years With Either An Associate of Applied Science Degree or a Certificate	48%	50%

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Number of Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded		
Annually	82	97
Number of Minority Students Graduated Annually	45	46
Number of Former TSTC Students Who Are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of not Attending TSTC	183	198
Percent of Former TSTC Students Who are Found Working in the Texas Economy after a Period of One Year of not Attending TSTC	71.4%	71.2%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Annual Headcount Enrollment	572	586
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Administrative Cost As A Percent Of Total Expenditures	9.17%	9.17%

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING ONLY TO COMPONENTS OF TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

1. **Expenditure of Educational and General Funds.** Recognizing that Texas State Technical College may have the opportunity and should be encouraged to attract private contributions, grants, or contracts, and to enter into agreements with private businesses and other agencies of government for purposes not specifically contained in the strategy items above that might require matching funds from TSTC, the Board of Regents of Texas State Technical College is hereby authorized to expend its remaining educational and general funds to meet contribution, contract, or grant-matching requirements only for the following purposes:
- a. planning and implementing a large-scale job-training program in conjunction with private business and other state agencies;
  - b. acquiring facilities and equipment to carry out a large-scale industrial training program in conjunction with a major employer; and
  - c. additional space and mechanical systems or renovation of existing buildings in accordance with the Campus Master Plans and subject to approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
2. **Financial Records.** The financial records and reports of the Texas State Technical College shall classify accounts in accordance with the recommendation of the National Committee on the Preparation of a Manual on College and University Business Administration, as set forth in Volume I of "College and University Business Administration," published by the American Council on Education with a copyright date of 1952, and subsequent published revisions with such modifications as may be developed and provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, or as may be required to conform with specific provisions of the Appropriation Acts of the Legislature. The accounts of the Texas State Technical College shall be maintained and audited in accordance with the approved reporting system. The Texas State Technical College shall deliver to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, any such program reports as it may deem necessary in accordance with its rules and regulations.
3. **Enrollment Records and Reports.** To be eligible to receive the appropriations herein above, the Texas State Technical College shall maintain separately for each campus and each extension center such enrollment records and report such enrollment data as required by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These enrollment reports shall be submitted in the form and on the date required.

The above reports shall be certified to the Comptroller of Public Accounts no later than the date required by the Coordinating Board, and each term copies of the above certified enrollment reports shall be sent to the Coordinating Board, Legislative Budget Board, Governor, State Auditor and Legislative Reference Library.

The State Auditor may consider an audit of enrollment data at Texas State Technical College, subject to analysis and risk assessment.

The Texas State Technical College shall offer only such courses as are economically justified in the considered judgment of the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents shall adopt policies specifying the conditions under which classes of less than 10 students by headcount are to be

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considered necessary and justifiable. The Board of Regents shall direct the chancellor or other officials to review enrollment data prior to the designated Coordinating Board census date and take all necessary actions to ensure that the small classes offered on each campus are only those that conform with established policies on small classes.

- 4. Certification of Compliance.** Expenditure of the funds appropriated herein above is contingent upon annual certification by the chancellor of the Texas State Technical College to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the Texas State Technical College is in compliance with these provisions regarding budgets, accounting procedures and enrollment.
- 5. Approved Geographic Locations.** None of the funds appropriated above to the Texas State Technical College shall be expended in promoting, developing or creating a campus or extension center at any other location in the state except as specified in Education Code, Section 135.02.
- 6. Temporary Special Courses.** Out of funds appropriated herein above to the Texas State Technical College in pre-apprenticeship, related training for apprentices and specialized training for journeymen and compensatory training for pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship enrollees, and plant expansion and new plant start-up training program no more than \$50,000 per year may be expended wherever the need exists within the state in conjunction with curriculum approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Such expenditure of funds for these special courses are temporary in nature and outside the provision of Education Code, Section 135.04.
- 7. Aircraft Pilot Training Programs.** Funds may be used for the operation, maintenance or lease of aircraft for use in the Aircraft Pilot Training programs subject to the requirement that excess costs of flight instruction be recovered by an assessment of charge to student pilots. This income shall be separately accounted for and credited as a reduction in expenditure in the Aircraft Pilot Training Program.
- 8. Approval of Plans by Foundations.** Any use of the Texas State Technical College's assets or facilities including, but not limited to, buildings, equipment or employees by existing foundations or for the promotion of foundations shall require prior approval of the Board of Regents. Approval is contingent upon receipt by the Board of Regents of a satisfactory annual plan of operation. At a minimum, this plan must specify the proposed use of any Texas State Technical College facilities, equipment, and personnel; payments made directly to Texas State Technical College personnel for services provided or expenses incurred; and donations of funds to the Texas State Technical College for designated purposes. All funds donated by foundations to the Texas State Technical College shall be received and accounted for in the same manner as all other Texas State Technical College funds. After Board of Regents approval, the plan shall be filed with the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1st each year.
- 9. Chancellor Salary.** Out of the funds appropriated, transferred, or contracted to the system office, an amount not to exceed \$70,231 in 2026 and \$70,231 in 2027 may be expended for the salary of a chancellor. The chancellor may receive in addition to the above amount a house, utilities, and/or supplement from private sources. If a system owned house is not available an amount not to exceed \$7,200 per year from the system office appropriation and additional funds from gifts and grants where required, may be provided in lieu of house and utilities.
- 10. Returned Value Funding Model for Texas State Technical Colleges.** Funding is recommended for and allocated among Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTCs) based on the additional direct and indirect state tax revenues generated as a result of the education provided to students by the TSTCs. The funding methodology is based on the following components:
  - a. The model includes the cohort of TSTC graduates (earning an associate's degrees or certificate), transfers, and leavers (students who were not found in Texas higher education for two years following the last time they were enrolled in the TSTC) with a minimum completion of nine semester credit hours from 2017 and 2018.
  - b. The cohorts were matched with Unemployment Insurance wage records for employment and wage information for five years after the students graduated from or left the TSTC to establish annual wages for each student. Direct value-added was defined as the incremental state tax revenue attributable to former TSTC students' jobs, based on the difference between former TSTC students' annual wages and a base wage representing a full-time employee earning minimum wage (7 percent of the wage delta) a person working full-time (40 hours

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per week for 52 weeks or 2080 hours) at \$12.74/hr (or \$26,494 annually). Wages were inflation-adjusted to the current year. Indirect value-added was defined as the direct value-added multiplied by 1.5, an economic multiplier derived from a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis study. Total direct and indirect values-added were summed for each group of students by campus across five years.

- c. Values-added were reduced by a certain percentage, based on the assumption that the benefits would accrue both to the state and TSTCs but with only a portion of the added value included in the formula calculations.
- d. Values-added by campus were divided into the total TSTC value added to define each institution's proportional share of overall formula funding.

The Texas State Technical College System shall continue to work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the Legislative Budget Board and other relevant agencies to refine the new Returned Value Funding Formula for the TSTCs. It is the intent of the Legislature that recommended adjustments to the formula shall be ready for implementation in the 2028-29 biennium and shall further the goal of rewarding job placement and graduate earnings projections, not time in training or contact hours.

- 11. Small Institution Supplement.** The Small Institution Supplement, as a set-aside within the General Academic Institution Infrastructure Formula, shall provide supplemental funding to the Texas State Technical Colleges with headcounts of fewer than 10,000 students. For the 2026-27 biennium, Texas State Technical Colleges with a headcount of fewer than 5,000 students shall receive a small institution supplement of \$2,633,133. The small institution supplement shall decrease proportionate to the increase in headcount above 5,000 until the institution reaches 10,000 headcount. Once an institution reaches 10,000 headcount, it shall no longer be eligible for this supplement.
- 12. Contingency for TSTC Endowment Funding.** Contingent on enactment of a joint resolution or legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, relating to endowment funding for the support of capital projects for the components of the Texas State Technical Colleges (TSTCs), and after approval of the constitutional amendment by the voters, in addition to amounts above, \$850,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated for fiscal year 2026 to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for immediate deposit to an account or fund to be managed by the TSTC board of regents.

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<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 85,980,465	\$ 85,980,465
GR Dedicated - Clean Air Account No. 151	\$ 455,712	\$ 455,712
Federal Funds	\$ 9,880,605	\$ 9,880,605
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Feed Control Fund - Local No. 058, estimated	\$ 4,985,000	\$ 4,985,000
Sales Funds - Agricultural Experiment Station, estimated	856,551	856,551
Fertilizer Control Fund, estimated	1,225,000	1,225,000
Indirect Cost Recovery, Locally Held, estimated	<u>288,750</u>	<u>288,750</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 7,355,301</u>	<u>\$ 7,355,301</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>

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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 33.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	820.0	820.0
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH  
Agricultural and Life Sciences Research.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH Conduct Agricultural and Life Sciences Research.	\$ 69,856,786	\$ 69,715,909
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH AG Advancing Health through Agriculture.	<u>9,494,448</u>	<u>9,494,448</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH	\$ 79,351,234	\$ 79,210,357
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**B. Goal:** REGULATORY SERVICES  
Provide Regulatory Services.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> HONEY BEE REGULATION Control Diseases/Pest of EHB & Reduce Impact of AHB thru Regulation.	\$ 282,575	\$ 287,793
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> FEED AND FERTILIZER PROGRAM Monitor and Evaluate Products Distributed in the State.	<u>\$ 5,715,066</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,309</u>

<b>Total, Goal B:</b> REGULATORY SERVICES	\$ 5,997,641	\$ 5,996,102
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**C. Goal:** INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,120,807	\$ 7,263,223
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - In Brazos County.	6,409,000	6,409,000
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - Outside Brazos County.	<u>3,463,401</u>	<u>3,463,401</u>

<b>Total, Goal C:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 16,993,208	\$ 17,135,624
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**D. Goal:** STAFF BENEFITS  
Staff Benefits Contributions.

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	<u>\$ 1,330,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,000</u>
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<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M AGRILIFE RESEARCH</b>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 45,711,635	\$ 46,628,918
Other Personnel Costs	4,419,272	4,470,998
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	21,771,429	22,206,857
Professional Fees and Services	970,000	970,000
Fuels and Lubricants	378,800	378,800
Consumable Supplies	883,000	883,000
Utilities	3,038,500	3,063,500
Travel	265,000	265,000
Rent - Building	69,000	69,000
Rent - Machine and Other	242,000	242,000
Other Operating Expense	21,788,447	20,359,010
Capital Expenditures	<u>4,135,000</u>	<u>4,135,000</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 103,672,083</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 4,905,317	\$ 5,378,445
Group Insurance	12,603,539	13,611,821

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Social Security	<u>3,907,429</u>	<u>4,126,245</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 21,416,285</u>	<u>\$ 23,116,511</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M AgriLife Research. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M AgriLife Research shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage Change in Number of Patents, Disclosures, and Licenses	2%	2%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AGRICULTURAL/LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Scientific Publications	2,000	2,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Amount of External Sponsor Support	174,296,598	191,726,258
<b>B. Goal: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: HONEY BEE REGULATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Bee Colonies Inspected	300,000	300,000
Number of Apiaries Inspected	225	225
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: FEED AND FERTILIZER PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Feed and Fertilizer Samples Analyzed by the Agricultural Analytical Services Laboratory	7,000	7,000

**2. Limited Waiver from Proportionality Provision.** Texas A&M AgriLife Research is specifically exempt from implementation of proportionality for Higher Education Retirement Programs, but only in regard to the retirement match limit that is imposed under the federal Hatch Act and the McIntire-Stennis Act.

**3. Equine Research Account.** Included in the appropriations above are fees collected in each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, pursuant to the Texas Racing Act, for the Equine Research Account in support of the Equine Research Program.

**4. Agriculture Registration Fees.** Included in the appropriations above are fees collected in each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, pursuant to Agriculture Code, Section 131.046, from the General Revenue Fund (Revenue Object Code 3410) to Texas A&M AgriLife Research for the Honey Bee Disease Program.

**5. Advancements in Water Resource Management.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$1,440,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,440,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to support the role of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station in advancements in water resources management.

**6. Cotton, Wool, and Mohair Research.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$480,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$480,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used for cotton, wool, and mohair research.

**7. Controlling Exotic and Invasive Insect Transmitted Pathogens.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,400,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to establish comprehensive research programs to control exotic and invasive insect transmitted pathogens in Texas.



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**8. Capital Expenditures for Increasing Research Capability.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agricultural/Life Sciences Research, is up to \$9,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, to be used to update laboratory space, as well as for specialized instrumentation and equipment, as needed to increase research capability at the 13 research centers of Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

This appropriation is contingent on approval by a two-thirds majority in each chamber of the legislature. In accordance with Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 18(i), the legislature finds that there is a demonstrated need for increased research capability at the research centers of Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 72,680,111	\$ 72,680,110
Federal Funds	\$ 14,508,730	\$ 14,508,730
<u>Other Funds</u>		
County Funds - Extension Programs Fund, estimated	\$ 11,808,712	\$ 11,808,712
Interagency Contracts	2,143,200	2,143,200
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 13,985,412</u>	<u>\$ 13,985,412</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,252</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	1,129.3	1,129.3
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION  
Educate Texans for Improving Their Health, Safety, and Well-Being.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION Conduct Nutrition, Health, and Wellness Educational Programs.	\$ 22,610,719	\$ 22,610,719
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**B. Goal:** AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Agriculture, Natural Resources, Economic and Environmental Education.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES Provide Education in Agriculture, Natural Resources & Economic Develop.	\$ 40,883,879	\$ 40,883,879
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**C. Goal:** LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
Foster Development of Responsible, Productive & Motivated Youth/Adults.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT Teach Leadership, Life, and Career Skills to Both Youth and Adults.	\$ 14,322,233	\$ 14,322,233
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**D. Goal:** WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
Protect Resources and Property from Wildlife-related Damages.

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT Provide Direct Control and Technical Assistance.	\$ 3,979,386	\$ 3,979,386
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<b>E. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,434,228	\$ 3,434,228
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - In Brazos County.	781,705	781,704
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - Outside Brazos County.	<u>642,070</u>	<u>642,070</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,858,003	\$ 4,858,002
<b>F. Goal: STAFF BENEFITS</b> Staff Benefits Contributions.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	\$ 2,081,162	\$ 2,081,162
<b>G. Goal: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED</b>		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED	<u>\$ 12,438,871</u>	<u>\$ 12,438,871</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE</b>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,252</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 31,158,543	\$ 31,158,543
Other Personnel Costs	9,330,834	9,330,834
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	12,779,779	12,779,779
Professional Salaries - Extension (Texas AgriLife Extension Svc)	38,305,103	38,305,103
Professional Fees and Services	399,723	399,723
Fuels and Lubricants	118,969	118,969
Consumable Supplies	177,528	177,528
Utilities	719,333	719,333
Travel	585,692	585,692
Rent - Building	515,983	515,983
Rent - Machine and Other	898,640	898,640
Other Operating Expense	4,395,979	4,395,978
Client Services	8,568	8,568
Grants	1,529,579	1,529,579
Capital Expenditures	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,253</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 101,174,252</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 5,404,837	\$ 6,007,941
Group Insurance	18,993,258	20,512,717
Social Security	<u>4,298,083</u>	<u>4,538,776</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 28,696,178</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 31,059,434</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: FAMILY &amp; COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Educational Program Index Attainment	90	90
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: FAMILY COMMUNITY HEALTH EDUCATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Direct Teaching Exposures	2,248,293	2,248,293
Web-based Education Exposures	16,236,260	17,048,073
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Educational Contact	1.4	1.4

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Percentage of Educational Exposures Obtained through Distance Education	80%	80%
Percentage of Direct Teaching Exposures Obtained by Volunteers	6%	6%
<b>B. Goal: AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Educational Program Index Attainment	90	90
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Direct Teaching Exposures	2,972,341	2,972,341
Web-based Education Exposures	10,470,455	10,993,978
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Educational Contact	3.45	3.45
Percentage of Educational Exposures Obtained through Distance Education	75%	75%
Percentage of Direct Teaching Exposures Obtained by Volunteers	16%	16%
<b>C. Goal: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Educational Program Index Attainment	90	90
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Direct Teaching Exposures	3,194,053	3,194,053
Web-based Education Exposures	3,651,649	3,834,231
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Educational Contact	2.2	2.2
Percentage of Educational Exposures Obtained through Distance Education	55%	55%
Percentage of Direct Teaching Exposures Obtained by Volunteers	16%	16%
<b>D. Goal: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Counties Receiving Direct Control Assistance	80%	80%
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Properties Provided Wildlife Damage Management Assistance	3,500	3,500
Number of Technical Assistance Projects	17,500	17,500
<b>2. Integrated Pest Management.</b> Out of the funds appropriated above, \$49,365 in each year of the biennium is for contracting with the Texas Pest Management Association for pest management. No more than 10 percent of these funds shall be used by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for administering the program.		
<b>3. Limited Waiver from Proportionality Provision.</b> For the purpose of determining proportional payments of retirement and group insurance benefits for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, as required in this Act, County Funds paid directly by County Commissioners Courts shall be considered as monies from the General Revenue Fund. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is specifically exempt from implementation of proportionality for Higher Education Retirement Programs, but only in regard to the retirement match limit that is imposed under the federal Smith-Lever Act and the Hatch Act.		
<b>4. Youth Development Programs in Urban Areas.</b> The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, in addition to providing ongoing programs for rural residents, shall use the appropriations above to place greater emphasis on providing community leadership development education programming, targeting (but not limited to) youth residing in urban areas.		
<b>5. Workforce Horizons for Texas Youth.</b> Out of the funds appropriated above, \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used for the Workforce Horizons for Texas Youth program.		
<b>6. Feral Hog Abatement Program.</b> Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Wildlife Management, include \$450,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium to be used to implement feral hog abatement technologies. Of this amount, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall use a minimum of \$96,250 per fiscal year to fund grants for county feral hog eradication projects in Texas. The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service shall submit a		

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report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than October 1, 2026, providing information on the number of feral hogs abated and the cost per abatement using certain technologies.

- 7. Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program Serving Low Income Students.** Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Family & Community Health Education, include \$1,592,588 each fiscal year of the biennium to fund the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant Program serving low income students and their families.
- 8. Disaster Readiness and Recovery for Texas.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Family & Community Health Education, and B.1.1, Agriculture and Natural Resources, \$3,400,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,400,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support six regional Disaster Assessment and Recovery Teams (DARTs) made up of Extension professionals with expertise in community resiliency planning, hazard mitigation education, emergency preparedness and long-term recovery processes.
- 9. Pay for Regular Compensatory Time.** The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service may use the appropriations above to pay its Fair Labor Standards Act exempt employees on a straight-time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when such time is worked in connection with an emergency and when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions.
- 10. Chronic Disease Prevention.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Family & Community Health Education, \$139,800 out of the General Revenue Fund per fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to support programming focused on chronic disease prevention.
- 11. Bee Pollinator Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Agriculture and Natural Resources, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to support bee research programs. Of that amount, \$199,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$204,360 in fiscal year 2027 and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year shall be used to support an apiculture specialist devoted to beekeeping, to serve as a statewide resource for research-based apiary management practices.
- 12. Rural Student Success Initiative.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Leadership Development, \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to support the Rural Student Success Initiative. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 36,698,914	\$ 36,697,342
GR Dedicated - Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071	\$ 421,384	\$ 421,383
Federal Funds	\$ 168,316,985	\$ 168,316,985
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts	\$ 2,909,499	\$ 2,909,500
Other Funds	60,936,568	60,936,568
Indirect Cost Recovery, Locally Held, estimated	<u>6,249,183</u>	<u>6,249,183</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 70,095,250</u>	<u>\$ 70,095,251</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 275,532,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 275,530,961</u></u>

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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 95.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>	842.4	842.4
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: ENGINEERING RESEARCH**

Conduct Engineering & Related Research to Enhance Higher Ed & Eco Dev.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH PROGRAMS	\$ 227,763,570	\$ 227,763,569
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER	\$ 1,211,723	\$ 1,211,723
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	\$ 15,087,119	\$ 15,087,119
<b>A.3.2. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR MICRODEVICES AND SYSTEMS	<u>4,500,000</u>	<u>4,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: ENGINEERING RESEARCH</b>	\$ 248,562,412	\$ 248,562,411

**B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION**

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 8,580,648	\$ 8,580,648
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	8,177,495	8,177,495
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> CENTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL	<u>4,801,208</u>	<u>4,799,637</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 21,559,351	\$ 21,557,780

**C. Goal: STAFF BENEFITS**

Staff Benefits Contributions.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	<u>\$ 5,410,770</u>	<u>\$ 5,410,770</u>
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<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION</b>	<u><u>\$ 275,532,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 275,530,961</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 76,770,518	\$ 76,770,517
Other Personnel Costs	20,491,794	20,491,794
Faculty Salaries (Higher Education Only)	46,155	46,155
Professional Salaries - Faculty Equivalent (Higher Education Only)	25,808,660	25,808,660
Professional Fees and Services	4,753,442	4,753,442
Fuels and Lubricants	33,682	33,682
Consumable Supplies	3,020,340	3,020,340
Utilities	1,194,120	1,194,120
Travel	4,256,676	4,256,676
Rent - Building	2,099,672	2,099,672
Rent - Machine and Other	1,451,066	1,451,066
Debt Service	4,801,208	4,799,637
Other Operating Expense	34,020,098	34,020,098
Client Services	16,458,373	16,458,373
Grants	50,125,875	50,125,875
Capital Expenditures	<u>30,200,854</u>	<u>30,200,854</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 275,532,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 275,530,961</u></u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,397,631	\$ 1,548,194
Group Insurance	3,205,796	3,462,261
Social Security	<u>1,349,347</u>	<u>1,424,910</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,952,774</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,435,365</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station. In order to

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achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: ENGINEERING RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Leverage Ratio of General Revenue Appropriations to Total Funds (Excluding Infrastructure Funds)	15	15
Dollar Volume of Research Expenditures (Millions)	298	300
Number of Formal License Agreements	12	12
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RESEARCH PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Dollar Volume Sponsored of Research Awards (Millions)	280	280
Number of Sponsored Research Projects	1,550	1,550
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Patent Applications	130	130
Number of Industry-sponsored Research Projects	370	370
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students from Underrepresented Groups Participating in Agency Activities	29,519	29,519
Number of All Texas Educators Participating in Agency Employment, Scholarships, and/or Outreach Programs, Events and Activities	3,011	3,011

- 2. Offshore Technology Research Center.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Research Programs, \$203,861 in fiscal year 2026 and \$203,861 in fiscal year 2027 is for the purpose of supporting the Offshore Technology Research Center.
- 3. Nuclear Engineering and Secure Manufacturing.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Workforce Development, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station shall allocate \$2,333,757 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,333,757 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement programs and partnerships for the nuclear engineering industry and secure manufacturing sector.
- 4. Debt Service for the Center for Infrastructure Renewal.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Center for Infrastructure Renewal, monies from the General Revenue Fund are to be used for debt service for the Center for Infrastructure Renewal in the amounts of \$4,801,208 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,799,637 in fiscal year 2027, and is contingent upon this Act passing by a two-thirds majority in each house. The Legislature hereby finds in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 18(i), that there is a demonstrated need for the infrastructure renewal facility at Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.
- 5. NASA Programs.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Workforce Development, is \$3,420,617 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,420,617 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program and the Texas Aerospace Scholars Program.
- 6. Capstone Design Projects.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Workforce Development, is \$80,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$80,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to expand the Capstone Design Projects program.
- 7. Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Unexpended Balances.**
- (a) All unexpended and unobligated balances as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), in Strategy A.1.1, Research Programs, from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station for the Hypersonic Wind Tunnel are hereby appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- (b) The Legislature hereby finds in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VII, Section 18(i), that there is a demonstrated need for the facilities described by Subsection (a) and that such appropriation may be used for construction of such facilities by the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 12,039,268	\$ 12,039,268
Federal Funds	\$ 21,174,659	\$ 21,598,152
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 5,886,218	\$ 6,003,942
Interagency Contracts	38,908,664	39,686,837
Indirect Cost Recovery, Locally Held, estimated	<u>18,489,858</u>	<u>18,829,176</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 63,284,740</u>	<u>\$ 64,519,955</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 96,498,667</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 98,157,375</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 91.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	438.0	438.0
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH

Transportation Research, Dissemination & Transportation Education.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SPONSORED RESEARCH Sponsored Transportation Research.	\$ 74,724,139	\$ 76,125,663
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL CENTERS Research/Education within the National Centers.	<u>5,500,330</u>	<u>5,563,016</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH	\$ 80,224,469	\$ 81,688,679
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**B. Goal:** INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 9,906,804	\$ 10,021,653
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	<u>2,385,000</u>	<u>2,385,000</u>

<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 12,291,804	\$ 12,406,653
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**C. Goal:** STAFF BENEFITS

Staff Benefits Contributions.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	<u>\$ 3,982,394</u>	<u>\$ 4,062,043</u>
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<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE</b>	<u><u>\$ 96,498,667</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 98,157,375</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 54,060,219	\$ 55,000,209
Other Personnel Costs	10,216,914	10,413,063
Professional Fees and Services	472,721	481,395
Fuels and Lubricants	4,902	4,994
Consumable Supplies	769,334	783,600
Utilities	437,465	445,568
Travel	1,679,312	1,709,957
Rent - Building	1,641,952	1,672,677
Rent - Machine and Other	1,237,780	1,259,405
Other Operating Expense	24,548,138	24,929,757
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,429,930</u>	<u>1,456,750</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 96,498,667</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 98,157,375</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 4,058,562	\$ 4,404,808
Group Insurance	2,403,713	2,596,011

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Social Security	<u>637,041</u>	<u>672,715</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 7,099,316</u>	<u>\$ 7,673,534</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Dollar Volume of Sponsored Research Expenditures (Millions)	89,227,196	90,977,314
Leverage Ratio of Direct State Funding to Total Funds (Excluding Infrastructure Funds)	8.77	8.77
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: SPONSORED RESEARCH</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of TTI Patented Safety Devices Installed	1,138,851	1,147,851
Average Number of Students Involved in TTI Education and Research Activities	126.2	130
Dollar Volume of Sponsored Research Expenditures (Millions)	83,508,114	85,203,329
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: NATIONAL CENTERS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Students Involved in National Centers Education and Research Activities	56.8	57.4
Dollar Volume of National Centers Research Expenditures (Millions)	5,719,082	5,773,985

2. **Transportation Safety Center.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$960,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$960,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to fund the Transportation Safety Center to conduct research, education, and technology transfer to improve the safety of Texas' roads and highways.

3. **Center for International Intelligent Transportation.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$816,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$816,000 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue Fund shall be used to fund the Center for International Intelligent Transportation in El Paso to conduct research, education, and technology transfer to improve the safety of Texas' roads and highways for secure international transportation and other issues specific to the El Paso region, international and border settings.

4. **Study on Vehicle Emergency Occupant Egress Technology.**

- (a) Out of funds appropriated above, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall conduct a study to compile and analyze Texas-wide fatality data related to vehicle entrapment over the past 10 years, identifying key trends and gaps in current reporting. The study shall aggregate fatality and sustained injury data from vehicle immersion/submersion and fire-related incidents, ensuring a comprehensive dataset. Data categories shall include:
- (1) motor vehicle crashes and non-crash incidents leading to water or fire entrapment, both on public roads and private properties;
  - (2) cataclysmic events such as hurricanes, floods, sinkholes, and wildfires, which are currently underreported;
  - (3) spontaneous vehicle fires, including those involving electrical or lithium-ion battery-related accidents not linked to crashes;
  - (4) fatalities occurring beyond 30 days after the incident, if linked to sustained injuries; and



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- (5) collection of demographic data, including age, to assess vulnerable populations (e.g. children, elderly, individuals with disabilities) who may face unique escape challenges.
- (b) Out of funds appropriated above, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall conduct a study to evaluate the practicality, effectiveness, and cost considerations of integrating automated occupant egress technology in vehicles. The study shall include:

(1) assessing the cost, benefits, and feasibility of integrating automated window-opening technology to facilitate rapid occupant egress;

(2) identifying potential manufacturers and suppliers for cost-effective adoption of emergency egress systems in vehicles;

(3) analyzing survival rates, and the severity of sustained injury by comparing current escape success rates against projected outcomes with enhanced technology;

(4) assessing implications for vehicle design and regulatory considerations for implementing these systems in standard vehicles; and

(5) evaluating the effectiveness of automated occupant egress technologies that open vehicle windows, compared to manual window breaking tools (like hammers and center punches as per AAA July 2019 study on Vehicle Escape Tool Evaluation) and assessing its applicability across all windows and vehicle types.
- (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas A&M Transportation Institute shall submit a report to the Legislature and the Office of the Governor no later than September 1, 2026, on the results of the studies.

TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 26,079,545	\$ 26,079,545
Federal Funds	\$ 27,638,811	\$ 27,638,812
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 68,571,853	\$ 68,571,853
Interagency Contracts	2,274,281	2,274,281
Indirect Cost Recovery, Locally Held, estimated	6,034,923	6,034,923
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 76,881,057	\$ 76,881,057
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 130,599,413	\$ 130,599,414

This bill pattern represents an estimated 96.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds	574.8	574.8
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: PROVIDE TRAINING		
Provide Training and Technical Assistance.		
A.1.1. Strategy: PUBLIC SECTOR TRAINING	\$ 52,999,649	\$ 52,999,649
Provide Public Sector Training.		
A.1.2. Strategy: PRIVATE SECTOR TRAINING	22,171,742	22,171,742
Provide Private Sector Training.		

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<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> RAMI HUB Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Hub.	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROVIDE TRAINING	\$ 77,671,391	\$ 77,671,391
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 4,366,811	\$ 4,366,811
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TASK FORCE & PWRT CAPABILITY Provide Texas Task Force 1, Texas Task Force 2 and PWRT Capabilities.	\$ 11,522,374	\$ 11,522,375
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 18,239,015	\$ 18,239,014
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	<u>2,135,542</u>	<u>2,135,542</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 20,374,557	\$ 20,374,556
<b>E. Goal:</b> STAFF BENEFITS Staff Benefits Contributions.		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	\$ 6,914,280	\$ 6,914,281
<b>F. Goal:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED	<u>\$ 9,750,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,750,000</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE</b>	<u>\$ 130,599,413</u>	<u>\$ 130,599,414</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 47,694,339	\$ 47,694,339
Other Personnel Costs	7,616,403	7,616,403
Professional Fees and Services	1,188,365	1,188,365
Fuels and Lubricants	7,140	7,140
Consumable Supplies	2,410,823	2,410,823
Utilities	1,583,521	1,583,521
Travel	8,844,819	8,844,819
Rent - Building	327,585	327,585
Rent - Machine and Other	1,604,979	1,604,979
Other Operating Expense	<u>59,321,439</u>	<u>59,321,440</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 130,599,413</u>	<u>\$ 130,599,414</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,003,095	\$ 1,131,163
Group Insurance	793,137	856,588
Social Security	<u>839,931</u>	<u>886,967</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 2,636,163</u>	<u>\$ 2,874,718</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

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	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROVIDE TRAINING		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Leverage Ratio of General Revenue Appropriations to Total Funds (Excluding Infrastructure Funds)	14	14
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PUBLIC SECTOR TRAINING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Student Contact Hours	2,022,705	2,080,862
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Service Contact Hours	98,256	98,256
<b>C. Goal:</b> PROVIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS TASK FORCE & PWRT CAPABILITY		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Percent readiness reported on FEMA Operational Readiness Exercise in areas of Operations, Logistics, and Management	80%	80%
Number of Hours Spent on Emergency Response	79,048	79,048

- 2. Pay for Regular Compensatory Time.** The Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service may use the appropriations above to pay its Fair Labor Standards Act exempt employees on a straight-time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when such time is worked in connection with a state or federal activation and when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions.
- 3. Ensuring Texas Task Force 1, 2, and 3 Operational Readiness.** Out of the monies from the General Revenue Fund appropriated above, \$1,506,375 per fiscal year shall be used to support the operational readiness of Texas Task Force 1, \$1,000,000 per fiscal year shall be used to support the operational readiness of Texas Task Force 2, and \$1,000,000 per fiscal year shall be used to support the operational readiness of Texas Task Force 3.
- 4. Underserved/Rural Firefighter Training Support.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to provide training to underserved firefighters through extension area schools.
- 5. Texas Law Enforcement Extension (LEX) Rural Training Initiative.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to support training for rural peace officers, jailers, and telecommunications personnel.
- 6. Rio Grande Valley Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Hub.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, RAMI Hub, is \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of engaging with the Brownsville Navigation District, the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, and other regional industrial and educational partners to establish and operate an advanced manufacturing innovation hub in the Lower Rio Grande Valley to provide workforce development credentials for skills in-demand by the advanced manufacturing sector.

Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 214,213,595	\$ 20,922,595
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 32,960,829	\$ 32,960,829
Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064	28,181,861	28,181,861

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Rural Volunteer Fire Department Insurance Account No. 5066, estimated	<u>3,288,361</u>	<u>3,288,361</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 64,431,051	\$ 64,431,051
Federal Funds	\$ 4,989,587	\$ 4,989,587
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 473,868	\$ 473,868
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 478,868</u>	<u>\$ 478,868</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 284,113,101</u>	<u>\$ 90,822,101</u>
This bill pattern represents an estimated 87.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds	541.1	541.1
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: DEVELOP FOREST RESOURCES		
Develop Forest/Tree Resources to Sustain Life, Environment & Property.		
A.1.1. Strategy: FORESTRY LEADERSHIP Provide Professional Forestry Leadership & Resource Marketing.	\$ 8,196,176	\$ 8,196,176
A.1.2. Strategy: FOREST / TREE RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT Provide Leadership in Enhancement of Tree and Forest Resources.	2,568,485	2,568,485
A.1.3. Strategy: FOREST INSECTS AND DISEASES Provide Detection/Notification/Control of Forest/Tree Insect & Disease.	<u>1,082,594</u>	<u>1,082,594</u>
Total, Goal A: DEVELOP FOREST RESOURCES	\$ 11,847,255	\$ 11,847,255
B. Goal: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED		
B.1.1. Strategy: KTP - TFS OPERATIONS Keeping Texas Prepared - Texas A&M Forest Service Operations.	\$ 45,873,749	\$ 44,873,749
B.1.2. Strategy: KTP - VFD GRANTS Keeping Texas Prepared - VFD Grants.	218,030,853	25,739,853
B.1.3. Strategy: KTP - TIFMAS GRANTS Keeping Texas Prepared - TIFMAS Grants.	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total, Goal B: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED	\$ 266,404,602	\$ 73,113,602
C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,932,626	\$ 2,932,626
C.1.2. Strategy: INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - In Brazos County.	154,164	154,164
C.1.3. Strategy: INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO Infrastructure Support - Outside Brazos County.	<u>1,083,533</u>	<u>1,083,533</u>
Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,170,323	\$ 4,170,323
D. Goal: STAFF BENEFITS		
Staff Benefits Contributions.		
D.1.1. Strategy: STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	<u>\$ 1,690,921</u>	<u>\$ 1,690,921</u>
Grand Total, TEXAS A&M FOREST SERVICE	<u>\$ 284,113,101</u>	<u>\$ 90,822,101</u>
Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 34,337,254	\$ 34,337,254
Other Personnel Costs	3,712,901	3,713,201
Professional Fees and Services	77,550	77,550

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Fuels and Lubricants	1,742,130	1,742,130
Consumable Supplies	1,862,631	1,862,631
Utilities	843,016	843,016
Travel	1,335,186	1,335,186
Rent - Building	502,604	502,604
Rent - Machine and Other	273,850	273,850
Other Operating Expense	13,571,951	12,571,651
Client Services	195,000	195,000
Grants	220,750,853	28,459,853
Capital Expenditures	<u>4,908,175</u>	<u>4,908,175</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 284,113,101</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 90,822,101</u></u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 2,589,059	\$ 2,735,837
Group Insurance	5,236,191	5,655,085
Social Security	<u>2,492,725</u>	<u>2,632,318</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$ 10,317,975    \$ 11,023,240

- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M Forest Service. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M Forest Service shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: DEVELOP FOREST RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Acres Impacted through Windbreak and Wildlife		
Habitat Seedlings Sold	3,000	3,000
Property Value Saved by Oak Wilt Treatments	5,000,000	5,000,000
Commercial Timber Value of Forested Acres Assessed	4,250,000,000	4,250,000,000
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: FORESTRY LEADERSHIP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Trees Planted on Private Land in Texas	50,000,000	50,000,000
Number of Resource Development Assists	47,000	47,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: FOREST / TREE RESOURCES ENHANCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Community Assists	500	500
Number of Windbreak and Wildlife Habitat Seedlings Sold	55,000	55,000
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: FOREST INSECTS AND DISEASES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Property Owners Provided with Oak Wilt Information	55,000	55,000
<b>B. Goal: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Property Values Saved from Wildfire	60,000,000	60,000,000
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: KTP - TFS OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Contact Hours of Firefighter and Emergency Responder Training	50,000	50,000
Number of Hours Spent For Emergency Response	100,000	100,000
Market Value of Assistance Provided to Fire Departments	30,000,000	30,000,000

- 2. Overtime Payments, Contingency.** Included in the appropriation above, \$335,223 for each year of the biennium is for the sole purpose of paying overtime expenses of employees of the Texas A&M Forest Service when such overtime is incurred in emergency response activities. It is further provided that payments from this appropriation shall be made only upon overtime payroll vouchers submitted to the State Comptroller. Any balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, and balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for fiscal year 2027.

- 3. Pay for Regular Compensatory Time.** The Texas A&M Forest Service may use the appropriations above to pay its Fair Labor Standards Act exempt employees on a straight-time

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basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when such time is worked in connection with an emergency and when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions.

- 4. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) Grants.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$2,500,000 from the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund in each year of the biennium shall be used for Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Grants. In accordance with Government Code, Section 614.105, these funds shall be transferred to a separate account within the Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 and expended in accordance with the provisions contained in the same statute.
- 5. Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (Wildfire Protection Plan).** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$28,181,861 in fiscal year 2026 and \$28,181,861 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue-Dedicated Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Account No. 5064 shall be used to assist volunteer fire departments and provide for equipment and training needs. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, KTP - VFD Grants, \$192,291,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for unfunded requests for the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program. Any unexpended balances at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- 6. Carryforward Authority for Supply Chain Delays.** Any obligated balances from the appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, for grants to fire departments for the purchase of vehicles and equipment that are not fully expended by August 31, 2025, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Any obligated balances from the appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024, for grants to fire departments for the purchase of vehicles and equipment that are not fully expended by August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 7. Aviation Support.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$1,250,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Account No. 036 in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used for aviation support costs, including flame retardant, that cannot be deferred under federal agreement.
- 8. Columbus Volunteer Fire Department.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, KTP - TFS Operations, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used to support the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department.
- 9. Firefighting Equipment Database.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, KTP - TFS Operations, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be used to create and maintain a comprehensive database of statewide inventory of firefighting equipment available for use in responding to wildfires.
- 10. Camera-Based Wildfire Detection System.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, KTP - TFS Operations, \$5,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 shall be used by the Texas A&M Forest Service to employ a network of high-resolution cameras backed by best available computer vision technology, whereby the cameras can be affixed, deployed, and maintained, and associated software can provide monitoring continuously and identify potential fire threats such as but not limited to smoke plumes. Furthermore, the detection and monitoring solution shall rapidly notify state, local, and federal fire management agencies of fire detection in real time and be capable of providing precise triangulated coordinates for the location of fire. In selecting vendors, the Texas A&M Forest Service shall consider:
  - (a) the quality of hardware solutions, including camera resolution, optical zoom magnification, redundant 360-degree view capability, and pan-tilt capability;
  - (b) the services delivered to the state as part of the solution, including deployment, maintenance, and outreach and training for fire agency users;
  - (c) the quality, reliability, and speed of software detection and precision and reliability of fire location mapping;

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- (d) the quality of the solution's user interface for fire agency users; and
- (e) the overall cost of the components and services provided as part of the solution.

**TEXAS A&M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 12,587,413	\$ 12,585,912
Federal Funds	\$ 227,273	\$ 227,273
Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Revenue, estimated	<u>\$ 17,761,317</u>	<u>\$ 17,761,317</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 30,576,003</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,574,502</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 92.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)- Appropriated Funds</b>	176.3	176.3
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> DIAGNOSTIC AND DRUG TESTING		
Provide Diagnostic Services Drug/Export Tests, & Disease Surveillance.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES	\$ 21,584,128	\$ 21,584,128
Provide Diagnostic Service and Disease Surveillance.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> REGULATORY TESTING LABORATORY	<u>\$ 279,800</u>	<u>\$ 279,800</u>
State Regulatory Testing Laboratory.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> DIAGNOSTIC AND DRUG TESTING	\$ 21,863,928	\$ 21,863,928
<b>B. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,640,904	\$ 1,640,904
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT IN BRAZOS CO	680,273	680,272
Infrastructure Support - In Brazos County.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCT SUPP OUTSIDE BRAZOS CO	278,941	278,941
Infrastructure Support - Outside Brazos County.		
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> DEBT SERV-COLLEGE STATION & CANYON	<u>\$ 2,927,150</u>	<u>\$ 2,925,650</u>
Debt Service - College Station and Canyon.		
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 5,527,268	\$ 5,525,767
<b>C. Goal:</b> STAFF BENEFITS		
Staff Benefits Contributions.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 1,336,057	\$ 1,336,057
Staff Group Insurance Contributions.		
<b>D. Goal:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED	<u>\$ 1,848,750</u>	<u>\$ 1,848,750</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS A&amp;M VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY</b>	<u><u>\$ 30,576,003</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,574,502</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 13,426,292	\$ 13,426,292
Other Personnel Costs	2,313,896	2,313,896
Professional Fees and Services	240,558	240,558
Fuels and Lubricants	4,971	4,971
Consumable Supplies	4,524,135	4,524,135

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Utilities	350,401	350,401
Travel	129,793	129,793
Rent - Building	16,803	16,803
Rent - Machine and Other	118,596	118,596
Debt Service	2,927,150	2,925,650
Other Operating Expense	5,523,408	5,523,407
Capital Expenditures	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 30,576,003</b>	<b>\$ 30,574,502</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 662,280	\$ 732,681
Group Insurance	1,174,656	1,268,629
Social Security	565,868	597,557

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 2,402,804</b>	<b>\$ 2,598,867</b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: DIAGNOSTIC AND DRUG TESTING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Diagnostic Services Rendered	1,163,539	1,175,175
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Cases Submitted and Examined	163,045	164,675
Number of Surveillance Tests Performed for Agents of Bio- or Eco-terrorism	502,738	507,765

**2. Debt Service for Laboratories.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$2,927,150 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,925,650 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used for debt service for laboratories.

**3. Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Revenue.** The following is the estimated amount of fee revenue for the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory during the 2026-27 biennium. The estimated amounts from the method of financing below shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.08.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Fee Revenue, estimated	\$17,761,317	\$17,761,317

As part of this requirement, the agency shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report showing the agency’s usage of funds for the purpose of funding the benefit programs subject to the limitations within Article IX, Section 6.08. It is the intent of the legislature that the effect of this rider be reviewed prior to its continuation in any future act.

**4. State Regulatory Animal Health Laboratory.** Out of the funds appropriated above, \$279,800 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the biennium ending August 31, 2027, shall be used by the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for the purpose of fulfilling its role as the state’s regulatory animal health laboratory.



TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 40,530,302	\$ 34,095,934
GR Dedicated - Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 1,384,021,019	\$ 64,333,548
Federal Funds	<u>294,975,958</u>	<u>333,049,588</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 1,678,996,977	\$ 397,383,136
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>14,057,590</u>	<u>14,057,590</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 15,357,590</u>	<u>\$ 15,357,590</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,735,384,869</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 447,336,660</b></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 99.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)-Appropriated Funds</b>		
	421.4	421.4
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS Emergency Management Training Preparedness.	\$ 14,419,994	\$ 14,419,994
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> RESPONSE COORDINATION Emergency and Disaster Response Coordination.	10,871,962	10,871,961
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> RECOVERY AND MITIGATION Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation.	1,605,842,854	357,348,948
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> STATE OPERATIONS CENTER	80,841,915	41,221,980
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL WAREHOUSES/STAGING AREAS Regional Warehouses and Staging Areas.	<u>4,403,909</u>	<u>4,403,909</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	\$ 1,716,380,634	\$ 428,266,792
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 8,054,195	\$ 8,119,828
<b>C. Goal: STAFF BENEFITS</b>		
Staff Benefits Contributions.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STAFF GROUP INSURANCE Staff Group Insurance Contributions.	\$ 3,548,011	\$ 3,548,011
<b>D. Goal: KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> KEEPING TEXAS PREPARED	<u>\$ 7,402,029</u>	<u>\$ 7,402,029</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,735,384,869</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 447,336,660</b></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 52,293,220	\$ 52,301,031
Other Personnel Costs	11,995,674	11,995,674
Professional Fees and Services	31,274,008	20,665,707
Fuels and Lubricants	1,132,231	1,144,138
Consumable Supplies	427,750	421,899
Utilities	1,374,718	1,350,432
Travel	2,131,862	1,942,510
Rent - Building	2,520,080	2,520,080
Rent - Machine and Other	3,669,963	3,499,157
Other Operating Expense	15,358,245	12,605,277
Grants	1,536,905,192	302,208,764

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Capital Expenditures	76,301,926	36,681,991
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 1,735,384,869	\$ 447,336,660
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,329,388	\$ 3,541,565
Group Insurance	1,143,494	1,234,975
Social Security	3,197,556	3,376,620
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 7,670,438	\$ 8,153,160

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Division of Emergency Management. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
The Number of Public Entities with Open Disaster Recovery Projects Funded by Federal Grants	224	60
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: RESPONSE COORDINATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Number of Incidents Coordinated	7,500	7,500
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: RECOVERY AND MITIGATION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
The Percentage of the State Population Living in a County or Jurisdiction with a FEMA Approved Hazard Mitigation Plan	85%	85%
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
The Total Dollar Amount of Open Public Assistance State Disasters and Related Mitigation Grants with the Federal Emergency Management Agency	17,407,785,921	1,975,403,883

2. **State Disaster Resource Support and Staging Sites.** From funds appropriated above in Goal A, Emergency Management, the Texas Division of Emergency Management may expend funds for the operation of state disaster resource support and staging sites, two of which are currently established. TDEM may expend funds for the daily operation of existing and new state disaster resource support and staging sites and shall not eliminate the two existing staging sites. This does not include any costs associated with disaster response. Funds used under this provision may be expended for capital budget purposes notwithstanding limitations on capital budget limitations on capital budget expenditures elsewhere in this Act.
3. **Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Texas Division of Emergency Management are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
4. **Disaster Recovery Loan Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Recovery and Mitigation, is all unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0 out of the General Revenue Fund), and all revenue from interest, loan repayments, fees and gifts or grants contributed to the fund as prescribed in statute (estimated to be \$0 in fiscal year 2024 and \$0 in fiscal year 2025 out of the General Revenue Fund) that the Texas Division of Emergency Management is authorized to collect for the implementation and administration of the Disaster Recovery Loan Program to provide short-term loans for disaster recovery projects to eligible political subdivisions in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 418. Any funds remaining on August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
5. **Informational listing of funds: Pass-through funds to cities, counties and other entities.** TDEM acts as the state’s grantee for the emergency management performance grant and federal disaster grants. The appropriated amounts above in Strategy A.1.3, Recovery and Mitigation

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include funds that the agency passes through to cities, counties, and certain other entities. The amounts are estimated based on open disasters each year and historical data. Below are the estimated amounts of pass through for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
A.1.3, Strategy: RECOVERY AND MITIGATION	\$1,536,905,192	\$302,208,764

**6. Cash Flow Contingency for Federal Funds.** Contingent upon the receipt of federal funds in federally funded programs for Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas A&M University System may temporarily utilize additional monies from the General Revenue Fund in the amount of \$10 million or 1 percent of the estimated federal funds to be received each year, whichever is greater, and deposit those funds to a local account established by the Texas A&M University System to temporarily fund expenses paid by the Texas Division of Emergency Management in support of any disaster or emergency related responses for the state of Texas. The General Revenue Fund amounts utilized above the General Revenue method of finance shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed to the Treasury on or before August 31, 2027.

In addition, with the approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor and based on the level of disaster response needed, the Texas A&M University System may request additional temporary funding for cash flow needs at the Texas Division of Emergency Management to support disaster and emergency response efforts.

- 7. Indirect Cost funds Received.** Any indirect cost funds received by the Texas Division of Emergency Management shall be held locally in an account established by the Texas A&M University System. These funds shall be used and accounted for as institutional funds as outlined in Education Code, Section 51.009.
- 8. Audit Plan for Local Emergency Communication Systems.** The Texas Emergency Management Council shall coordinate with governmental agencies, municipalities, and counties to use information and data those entities may already possess, including from a previously completed or currently contracted audit. Additionally, the council shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain relevant data from any and all sources, including publicly available data and data provided to and/or by educational and non-profit entities.
- 9. Appropriation for Flood Mitigation in City of Mercedes, Hidalgo County.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Recovery and Mitigation, \$1,500,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 shall be used for flood mitigation in the City of Mercedes in Hidalgo County in order to prevent flooding around the evacuation shelter, which was built for emergency management and shelters.
- 10. Potter County Emergency Operations Center.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, State Operations Center, \$5,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 of the biennium shall be used to support the Potter County Emergency Operations Center.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 51,453,380	\$ 55,430,180
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 61,149	\$ 61,453
Federal Funds	\$ 12,025,712	\$ 12,801,663
Other Special State Funds	<u>\$ 15,574,161</u>	<u>\$ 17,675,667</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 79,114,402</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 85,968,963</u></u>

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**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> RETIREMENT - PUBLIC EDUCATION	\$ 19,276,780	\$ 19,796,372
Retirement - Public Education. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> RETIREMENT- HIGHER EDUCATION	4,313,573	4,342,095
Retirement - Higher Education. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE - PUBLIC EDUCATION	44,142,321	49,091,303
Group Insurance - Public Education Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE - HIGHER EDUCATION	<u>11,381,728</u>	<u>12,739,193</u>
Group Insurance - Higher Education Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 79,114,402</u>	<u>\$ 85,968,963</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u><u>\$ 79,114,402</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 85,968,963</u></u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 383,485,557	\$ 403,300,336
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 65,619,352	\$ 69,291,515
Federal Funds	\$ 6,058,087	\$ 6,205,132
Other Special State Funds	<u>\$ 12,418,055</u>	<u>\$ 12,809,155</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 467,581,051</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 491,606,138</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT		
Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH - EMPLOYER - PUBLIC ED	\$ 26,583,546	\$ 27,098,606
State Match -- Employer -- Public Education. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH-EMPLOYER-HIGHER ED	440,948,727	464,467,875
State Match -- Employer -- Higher Education. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> BRP -- PUBLIC EDUCATION	40,120	32,618
Benefit Replacement Pay -- Public Education. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> BRP - HIGHER EDUCATION	<u>8,658</u>	<u>7,039</u>
Benefit Replacement Pay -- Higher Education. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u><u>\$ 467,581,051</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 491,606,138</u></u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u><u>\$ 467,581,051</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 491,606,138</u></u>

BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,415,898	\$ 3,203,238
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 3,415,898	\$ 3,203,238
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
A.1.1. Strategy: BOND DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,415,898	\$ 3,203,238
To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.		& UB
Grand Total, BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	\$ 3,415,898	\$ 3,203,238

LEASE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,302,734	\$ 4,626,630
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 4,302,734	\$ 4,626,630
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
A.1.1. Strategy: LEASE PAYMENTS - HIGHER EDUCATION	\$ 4,302,734	\$ 4,626,630
To TFC for Payment to TPFA - Higher Education.		& UB
Grand Total, LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 4,302,734	\$ 4,626,630

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**Sec. 2. Local Funds Appropriated.** All balances of local funds except for any identifiable monies from the General Revenue Fund in the local funds of the state institutions of higher education named in this Article, as those funds are defined in Education Code, Section 51.009(a) at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, including balances in their local revolving funds at that time, and the income to said funds during the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025 and 2026, are hereby appropriated for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of the respective state institutions. Institutional funds, as those funds are defined in Education Code, Section 51.009(b), shall be expended as authorized by the laws governing the use of the funds, and unless specifically included or identified, are exempt from the Article III and IX Special Provisions of this Act.

All local funds shall be subject to the special and general provisions of Articles III and IX except where certain local funds are specifically exempted from these provisions by a provision herein or by specific statutory authority.

**Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.**

1. As used in this Act, the term "general academic institutions" shall mean only the following institutions:
- The University of Texas at Arlington

The University of Texas at Austin

The University of Texas at Dallas

The University of Texas at El Paso

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The University of Texas Permian Basin

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The University of Texas at San Antonio  
The University of Texas at Tyler  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
Texas A&M University  
Texas A&M University at Galveston  
Prairie View A&M University  
Tarleton State University  
Texas A&M University - Central Texas  
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi  
Texas A&M University - Kingsville  
Texas A&M University - San Antonio  
Texas A&M University - Texarkana  
Texas A&M International University  
East Texas A&M University  
West Texas A&M University  
University of Houston  
University of Houston - Clear Lake  
University of Houston - Downtown  
University of Houston - Victoria  
University of North Texas  
University of North Texas at Dallas  
Texas Southern University  
Texas Tech University  
Angelo State University  
Midwestern State University  
Texas Woman's University  
Lamar University  
Lamar Institute of Technology  
Lamar State College - Orange  
Lamar State College - Port Arthur  
Sam Houston State University  
Texas State University  
Sul Ross State University, including:  
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College

2. As used in this Act, the term "health related institutions" shall mean only the following institutions:

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler  
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine  
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School  
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center  
University of North Texas Health Science Center  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso  
University of Houston College of Medicine  
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

3. "Educational and General Funds" are those funds defined in Education Code, Section 51.009(c) and General Revenue Fund appropriations.

**Sec. 4. Transfer Provisions.**

1. **Intercomponent Transfers.** With the approval of the respective governing board, appropriation transfers may be made among medically-related components and their associated system administration, among academic component institutions and their associated system administration, and among component technical colleges controlled by the board, and within each institution, transfers may be made between informational items of appropriation for the general academic institutions, health centers, health science centers, medical education programs, and

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technical colleges regardless of whether the informational items are monies from the General Revenue Fund or local funds in character. With the approval of the system administration, transfers may be made from the Texas A&M system to the Texas A&M System Agencies or among the Texas A&M System Agencies. Transfers may not be made from medically-related components to academic components or from academic components to medically-related components except that transfers may be made from schools of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and allied health in academic components to medically-related components and from medically-related components into the health-related programs listed above in academic components. Transfers may not be made into the informational items setting the salary rate for the president, chancellor, or for any other line-item salary shown. Nothing in this section shall authorize the transfer of appropriations from Texas A&M University System Agencies to Texas A&M University.

2. **Health to Academic Intercomponent Transfers with LBB Prior Approval.** As an exception to the provisions in Subsection 1, transfers may be made with prior approval of the Governor and Legislative Budget Board from medically-related components to general academic institutions if it does not diminish the academic programs of the medically-related component or result in increased fees to patients at the component. The systems shall furnish whatever documentation may be required by the Governor and Legislative Budget Board to assure these conditions are met.
3. **Revenue Enhancement and Transfer Notification.** The University of Texas System shall enhance local funds revenue to reduce the need for monies from the General Revenue Fund. The University of Texas System shall give 30 business days notice to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor prior to transferring local funds from any System hospital. Furthermore, notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections 1 and 2 above, The University of Texas System Board of Regents shall not transfer funds from health institutions delivering patient care if such a transfer would result in a decrease in the quality or amount of indigent patient care offered by the affected institution.
4. **Reporting of Transfers.** Any transfers made pursuant to Subsections 1, 2, and 3, whether monies from the General Revenue Fund or local funds in nature, shall be reported in the Legislative Appropriations Request for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027.
5. **Capital Construction Assistance Projects and Revenue Bond Transfers.** Notwithstanding the other provisions of this act, transfers are not prohibited to the extent they are required to comply with proceedings authorizing bonds or other obligations now outstanding or hereafter issued pursuant to law.

**Sec. 5. Salary and Benefit Provisions.**

1. **Prorated Salaries Authorized.** Any employees who distribute their time and duties between general administration, instruction, organized activities related to instruction, and the management of auxiliary enterprises may receive their total salary payments in proportionate parts from such activities and from the appropriated or available funds therefore.
2. **President Salaries.** Out of the educational and general funds appropriated to the general academic institutions, community colleges, health centers, health science centers, and medical education programs, an amount not to exceed \$65,945 in fiscal year 2026 and \$65,945 in fiscal year 2027 may be expended for the salary of a president. All presidents may receive in addition to the above amounts a house, utilities, and/or supplement from institutional funds. If a house owned by the institution, center, or program is not available, an amount not to exceed \$7,200 per year from the appropriation to the institution, center, or program, and additional amounts from institutional funds where required, may be provided in lieu of house and utilities.
3. **Chancellor Salaries.** Out of the funds appropriated, transferred, or contracted to the system offices and community colleges, an amount not to exceed \$70,231 in fiscal year 2026 and \$70,231 in fiscal year 2027 may be expended for the salary for a chancellor. All chancellors may receive in addition to the above amounts a house, utilities, and/or supplement from institutional funds. If a system owned house is not available, an amount not to exceed \$7,200 per year from the system office appropriation and additional amounts from private and institutional funds where required may be provided in lieu of house and utilities.
4. **Merit Authorization.** It is expressly provided that institutional administrators may grant merit salary increases to employees whose job performance and productivity is consistently above that normally expected or required.

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5. **Merit Requirement for Faculty and Faculty Equivalent Employees of Institutions and Agencies of Higher Education.** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act, salary increases for faculty or faculty equivalent employees of institutions of higher education shall be awarded on the basis of merit and performance in accepted activities. This shall not be interpreted so as to preclude salary adjustment designed to avoid salary inequities.
6. **Group Insurance Premiums.** For the biennium ending August 31, 2027, there is hereby appropriated such amounts, from local funds or educational and general income available to institutions of higher education, as may be necessary to pay the proportional share of the State's contributions for Staff Group Health Insurance Premiums. Funds appropriated by this subsection may be transferred by those institutions not retaining separate insurance programs to the Employees Retirement System at appropriate intervals to pay the proportional share of the group insurance premiums.
7. **Administrative Accountability**
  - a. In each state fiscal year of the biennium, an institution of higher education, including a system office, may not spend funds appropriated to the institution by this Act unless, not later than December 1, the institution submits to the Legislative Budget Board, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, and the chair of the Senate Finance Committee a report that includes the total number of persons holding high-ranking administrative positions at the institution.
  - b. For purposes of Subsection (a), "high-ranking administrative position" includes the following positions:
    - (1) chancellor;
    - (2) vice chancellor;
    - (3) associate chancellor;
    - (4) assistant chancellor;
    - (5) president;
    - (6) vice president;
    - (7) associate vice president;
    - (8) assistant vice president;
    - (9) dean;
    - (10) associate dean;
    - (11) assistant dean; and
    - (12) any other administrative position having similar responsibilities to the other positions listed in this subsection.
  - c. A report submitted under Subsection (a) must:
    - (1) be in a form prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board;
    - (2) include the name, salary, and total value of nonsalary benefits for each person holding a high administrative position at the institution; and
    - (3) include the percentage salary increase for each person holding a high-ranking administrative position at the institution who occupies the same position during the current fiscal year as during the preceding fiscal year.

**Sec. 6. Expenditure Provisions.** The expenditure of the appropriations made in this Article or authorized in law for institutions of higher education, except bequests and gifts specifically designated to be in some manner handled otherwise, shall be subject to the provisions of this section which follow and with exceptions only as specifically noted:

1. **Annual Operating Budgets Required.** It is expressly provided that the governing board of each of the institutions of higher education named herein shall approve on or before September 1, 2025 and 2026, an itemized budget covering the operation of the ensuing fiscal year, which budget shall be prepared within the limits of the revenue available. Each institution's operating budget shall contain a section(s) which provides budget amounts and the method of finance for each listed informational item of appropriated funds contained in this Act. A copy of each budget, shall be filed with the Legislative Reference Library and the institution's general library to be available for



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public inspection. Copies of each budget shall also be filed with the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by December 1 of each fiscal year.

2. **Clearing Accounts.** At their option, the institutions may use their local depository bank account in lieu of the special clearing account, authorized by Education Code, Section 51.008(b), provided that the general requirements set out in therein, for deposits and transfers to the state treasury, are complied with.
3. **Revolving Funds.**
  - a. Each institution affected by this section, at its option, is hereby authorized to maintain a revolving fund to facilitate the payment of nominal expenses and to pay bills within cash discount periods. The institutions may use the revolving fund for regular monthly payrolls as well as for weekly and special payrolls. Disbursements from the revolving funds are to be reimbursed from respective items of educational and general appropriation made herein, the Comptroller of Public Accounts being hereby authorized to make such reimbursements on claims filed with her by the institutions under her regularly prescribed procedures except that one voucher and one warrant may cover any number of claims for this purpose. These reimbursement claims shall meet the same requirements as other claims against state appropriations, and each institution shall prepare such a reimbursement claim as at the close of business on the last day of each month and as many times during the month as may be expedient in order to make unnecessary the maintaining of an unreasonably large revolving fund.
  - b. The respective governing board shall determine the amounts of the revolving funds to be set up for each institution, and may increase or decrease the amounts if necessary. Such governing board shall designate a depository bank for each revolving fund, and shall specify the officers and/or employees to sign checks drawn on each such fund. The depository bank for each revolving fund shall be required to secure the deposit as provided by law.
  - c. Appropriations to all institutions of higher education and systems, except funds identified exclusively for salaries, may be used to reimburse any revolving fund operated for the benefit of one or more parts or component units of an institution or system, such as a motor pool for managing automotive vehicles authorized by this Act, a feed supply center, an office supply or laboratory supply center, a computer center, or any other operations of a similar nature established by authority of the governing board of said institution or system.
4. **Local Depositories.** The governing boards of the respective institutions for which appropriations are made in this Article are hereby authorized to select depository banks for the safekeeping of funds which are authorized, by statute, to be maintained outside the state treasury. The boards shall require depository banks to furnish adequate surety bonds or securities to be posted for the assurance of safety of such deposits. The depository bank or banks so selected are hereby authorized to pledge their securities for assurance of safety for such funds. All such local funds shall be deposited in these depositories within seven (7) business days from date of collection. The governing boards may require the depository so designated and selected to pay interest on deposits at a rate to be agreed upon by said depositories and said boards.
5. **Investment Reports.**
  - a. The governing board of each of the educational institutions named in this Article shall file with the State Auditor, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor an annual report of all investment transactions involving endowment funds, short-term and long-term investment funds, and all other securities transactions, in a method prescribed by the State Auditor's Office. Copies of such reports shall be available for public inspection. In addition to the annual report, each institution shall publish and maintain on its website for at least two years quarterly investment reports in any format it deems appropriate.
  - b. The governing boards of each educational institution named in this Article must adopt formal investment policies. Each governing board shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office a copy of their investment policy by December 31 of each year.

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**6. Central Services Accounts.**

- a. Out of funds appropriated in this Article, the governing boards of the university systems and their component units, and institutions of higher education may employ persons to serve two or more parts or component units of the system or institution and may pay their salaries in whole or in part from the informational items of appropriation made herein to any component unit. The governing boards are authorized to establish accounts from which salaries and expenses for the administration and supervision of the units of the system or institution may be paid and to require the units, including any other agency the administration of which it may be charged with by law, to pay into this account from any monies from the General Revenue Fund, local funds, or institutional funds their proportionate share as determined by the board for the expense of such administration and supervision. The Comptroller of Public Accounts is authorized to set up an account for each of the systems or institutions and to deposit in the account funds to the amount authorized by the governing boards and executive heads of the respective units, from funds appropriated by the Legislature to the units for noninstructional salaries and general operating expenses. The Comptroller is authorized to draw warrants against such accounts based on vouchers submitted by the systems or institutions in payment of salaries, maintenance, equipment, or travel incidental to the administration and supervision of the respective units.

- b. The systems and institutions whose governing boards and component units are subject to the above are authorized to establish the following accounts:

Texas A&M University System Central Services Account  
The University of Texas System Central Services Account  
University of Houston System Central Services Account  
Texas Tech University System Central Services Account  
University of North Texas System Central Services Account  
Texas State University System Central Services Account  
Texas Woman's University System Central Services Account

- c. Travel expense incurred by a person employed by one unit of an above system or institution in connection with service to the other units may be reimbursed by the unit for which such services are performed or proportionately if more than one such unit is involved.

7. **Utility Revolving Funds.** The governing boards of Texas Woman's University, West Texas A&M University, all components of the University of Houston System, Texas State University System, Texas Tech University System, University of North Texas System, and The University of Texas System are authorized to use appropriated funds, except funds expressly identified for salaries, to make payments of debt service and other payments in connection with utility plant revenue bonds and utility plant operation and maintenance expenses, and/or to reimburse any revolving fund now or hereafter established in connection with providing utility services to any building or facility of the college or university, in accordance with the general principles established in Education Code, Section 55.11, and the creation and maintenance of any such revolving fund is hereby authorized.

**8. Appropriation Expenditure Authorization.**

- a. The educational and general appropriations made in this Act to the general academic teaching institutions, health related institutions, and Texas State Technical College may be expended for the following purposes, including, but not limited to: Instruction; Research; Public Service; Academic Support; Student Services; Institutional Support; Operation and Maintenance of Plant; Scholarships; Staff Benefits; Organized Activities; and Patient Care. Major repairs and rehabilitation of buildings and facilities may be purchased from appropriated funds, but may not be purchased from monies from the General Revenue Fund that are not expressly identified or allocated for such purposes.
- b. No educational and general funds appropriated to any institution or agency named in this Article may be expended on auxiliary enterprises, unless specifically authorized in this Act.

9. **Capital Construction Assistance Projects and Other Revenue Bonds.** Funds clearly identified in separate informational strategies to the state institutions of higher education named in this Article for capital construction assistance projects or other revenue bond retirement may be expended only to reimburse institutions for debt retirement authorized by Education Code,

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Sections 55.17 to 55.17991 and Section 55.19. Any funds in excess of the amount expended for regularly scheduled principal and interest for debt service reimbursements due each year shall be lapsed to the General Revenue Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Funds may be used for bond and commercial paper debt service payments, which can include principal, interest and fees.

**Sec. 7. Recruitment of Students.** No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for travel expenses incurred outside the boundaries of the State of Texas for the purpose of direct recruitment of students.

**Sec. 8. Television Stations Prohibited.** None of the educational and general funds appropriated in this Article may be expended for the acquisition, construction, or operation of television transmitter stations; provided, however, this prohibition shall not be construed so as to prevent the institutions of higher education named in this Article from using closed-circuit television for purely instructional purposes, or to prevent institutions with existing public broadcasting or transmitter stations to use them for educational purposes, or to prevent the continuance of operating arrangements with existing transmitter stations for purely educational purposes; or to prevent cooperative arrangements with public broadcast stations.

**Sec. 9. Intercollegiate Athletics.** The special and general provisions of Articles III and IX of this Act shall not apply to intercollegiate athletics. The governing boards of the respective institutions of higher education shall use the appropriations in this Act to make such necessary rules and adjustments as may be deemed advisable for the management and operation of such activities; however, no funds under control of intercollegiate athletics may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages; no educational and general funds appropriated may be used for the operation of intercollegiate athletics; such rules and adjustments shall be designed to complement the rules applicable to other departments of the respective institution; and finally, such rules and adjustments shall specifically prohibit violation of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or other governing body rules with respect to recruitment of athletes.

**Sec. 10. Prohibition Against Additional Museums.** None of the educational and general funds appropriated in this Article shall be used for establishing additional museums or for the maintenance and operation of museums unless the language of this Act or of other acts and resolutions of the Legislature specifically authorizes such use of educational and general funds. As an exception to this provision, in order to encourage and promote gifts, grants, or donations to institutions of higher education, it is specifically provided that an institution which receives such gifts, grants, or donations for the construction or establishment of a museum, which is added to an institution's building inventory after September 1, 1997, may use educational and general funds appropriated by this Article for the maintenance and operation of such a museum. This exception applies only to the authority to spend appropriated funds for these purposes; such museum space shall not be included in formula calculations for purposes of determining the amounts of appropriations due for maintenance or operations of institutional facilities.

**Sec. 11. Method of Financing Scholarships.**

1. Out of the funds identified by this Article in the informational items described as "Other Educational and General Income," the respective governing boards of the general academic teaching institutions and of the health centers, health science centers, or technical colleges may allocate and expend the actual receipts in such informational item for student scholarships pursuant to the provisions of Education Code, Sections 56.031 to 56.039, cited as the Texas Public Educational Grants Program.
2. No educational and general funds appropriated in this Act for scholarships to institutions of higher education may be used to provide athletic scholarships.
3. Out of the additional funds appropriated for the 2026-27, biennium funds allocated and expended by the respective governing boards for need-based student scholarships shall be allocated and expended without regard to the race, sex, color, or ethnicity of the student recipient.

**Sec. 12. Use of Educational and General Funds for Alumni Activities Prohibited.** None of the educational and general funds appropriated by this Article may be expended by institutions of higher education for the support or maintenance of alumni organizations or activities.

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**Sec. 13. Limitation of Nonresident Enrollment in Certain State-supported Professional Schools.**

1. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended for the establishment, operation, or maintenance, or for the payment of any salaries to the employees in, any wholly or partially state-supported medical, dental, or law school which: (a) imposes a limitation on the number of students that it admits, (b) in an academic semester denies admission to one or more Texas residents who apply for admission and who reasonably demonstrate that they are probably capable of doing the quality of work that is necessary to obtain the usual degree awarded by such school, and (c) in the same academic semester admits, as either class, nonresidents of the State of Texas in a number greater than 10 percent of the class of which such nonresidents are a part. Limitation of nonresident enrollment at The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University School of Law, and the University of Houston Law Center may be increased to 35 percent of the class of which nonresidents are a part provided that the admission of such nonresident students is on the basis of academic merit alone. By the provisions of this paragraph it is intended to withhold funds appropriated by this Act from state-supported medical, dental, and law schools which limit their enrollments and which fill more than 10 percent of their classes with non-resident students in the case of medical and dental schools, and 35 percent in the case of The University of Texas Law School, Texas Tech University Law School, and the University of Houston Law Center, when the result of admitting a nonresident denies admission to a qualified Texas applicant. This provision shall not apply to the funds appropriated to the Coordinating Board for the funding of Baylor College of Medicine or to funds appropriated for tuition equalization grants for students attending private colleges.
2. In addition, The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized six-year program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
3. Texas medical schools may enroll up to 6 competitively recruited medical students, who already possess the DDS degree, in each second year medical school class for a specialized six-year program in oral and maxillofacial surgery comprised of the last three years of medical school and a three year residency program irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
4. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
5. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 25 competitively recruited nonresident medical students in each entering class for specialized programs of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and MS in Engineering degrees or MD degrees for students from military academies or recipients of military health professions scholarships.
6. The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center may admit up to 20 competitively recruited nonresident dental students each year into the International Advanced Standing Program (IASP) designed to allow graduates sit for dental board examinations to secure licensure to practice dentistry in the United States.
7. The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School may admit up to 25 competitively recruited medical students in each entering class for a specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the MD and PhD degrees irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.
8. The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine may admit up to 30 percent of its competitively recruited podiatry students in each entering class for its specialized program of clinical and research training designed to lead to the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) degree irrespective of whether those students are Texas residents.

**Sec. 14. Off-campus Instruction.** General academic institutions may use the funds appropriated in this Act to teach courses off campus with the following restrictions:

1. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the Coordinating Board shall file a report with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board on all general academic institutions concerning off-campus semester credit hours for that fiscal year.

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2. Semester credit hours generated at upper level centers authorized by the Legislature or by the Coordinating Board, as well as at Prairie View A&M University's Houston nursing program and Texas Woman's University nursing programs in Dallas and Houston, are not considered to be off-campus.
3. All courses taught off campus must be taught by a regular faculty member or administrator who is employed at least half-time on the main campus of the institution. The Commissioner of Higher Education may waive this requirement in special cases where institutions can justify the use of a uniquely qualified individual. This provision does not apply to programs at the multi-institution center in Laredo operated by The University of Texas System. Allied health and vocational instructors are exempted from this requirement.

**Sec. 15. Tuition and Other Educational and General Local Fee Collection.** No institution of higher education shall receive appropriations through formula funding in this Act unless it collects from each student whose semester credit hours are to be included in formula funding calculations all tuition and all fees in accordance with the installment tuition and fee payment plan provided for by the Education Code, Chapter 54 (as amended) on or before the end of the 20th class day for each regular semester and the 15th class day for each summer session. Valid contracts with the United States Government for instruction of eligible military personnel and valid contracts with private business and public service-type organizations or institutions such as hospitals may be considered as collections thereunder but subject to adjustments after final payment thereof. Financial aid awards processed by the financial aid office but not yet issued to the student may be considered as collections thereunder but subject to adjustments after final payment thereof.

**Sec. 16. Formula Variable and Educational and General Income Audits.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in consultation with the State Auditor's Office and the Legislative Budget Board shall clearly define all variables used by the Eighty-ninth Legislature in arriving at formula appropriations for fiscal years 2026 and 2027. According to an audit plan developed in consultation with the Coordinating Board and Legislative Budget Board, all variables of selected formulas used in making fiscal years 2026 and 2027 formula appropriations are subject to audit by the Coordinating Board. The Coordinating Board shall report any differences from data submitted by the institutions to the State Auditor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor. The Coordinating Board shall then calculate a new appropriations amount for each institution that reported data in conflict with that verified by the Coordinating Board. These calculations shall then be reported to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts and may be used to revise appropriation authority accordingly. The calculation of revised appropriation amounts shall allow each institution an error rate of up to 2 percent of the biennial appropriations related to the variables audited at that institution.

In addition, components of educational and general income reported in the institutional requests for legislative appropriations for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 are subject to audit by the State Auditor and Coordinating Board.

The State Auditor or Coordinating Board may request the assistance of an institution's internal auditor in performing the audits described in this section.

**Sec. 17. System Offices Funding Authorized.** Educational and general funds appropriated to components of The University of Texas, Texas A&M University, University of Houston, Texas Tech University, University of North Texas, Texas State University System, Texas Woman's University, and Texas State Technical College Systems may be transferred or contracted to system offices to provide support for coordination, administration, and other related services.

**Sec. 18. Annual Reports of Health Related Institutions Practice Plans.** As a limitation and restriction upon appropriations made by this Act, all agencies that have a public health related institution covered under Article III shall not expend funds after a period of 120 calendar days following the close of the fiscal year, unless there has been filed with the Governor, the State Auditor, the Legislative Budget Board, the Legislative Reference Library, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts an annual report as of August 31 of the preceding fiscal year showing the use of practice plan funds. The annual report shall conform to a uniform reporting system developed by the State Auditor's Office for all financial data concerning the health related institutions practice plans.

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**Sec. 19. Self-insurance Funds.** Any funds of an institution of higher education used for or allocated to a self-insurance fund authorized by Government Code, Chapter 2259, for a risk otherwise insurable by the institution of higher education, including a reserve account for lump sum payments of vacation and sick leave, shall be treated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts as an expenditure of the respective funds. The self-insurance funds so created shall be considered designated funds as that term is used in Education Code, Section 51.008(b). Any self-insurance fund reserves so created shall not exceed in amount the maximum value determined to be actuarially sound for each such self-insurance program.

**Sec. 20. Uncompensated Care Reporting Requirement.** The public health-related institutions shall use the appropriations in this Act to include in their biennial legislative appropriations request information including the actual amount of uncompensated care provided through each institution's respective physician practice plan, and if applicable, hospital or clinic using the uncompensated care reporting requirement established by the Health and Human Services Commission.

Uncompensated care includes the unreimbursed costs for the uninsured (those with no source of third party insurance) and the underinsured (those with insurance who after contractual adjustment and third party payments have a responsibility to pay for an amount they are unable to pay). Uncompensated care also includes the unreimbursed cost from governmental sponsored health programs. To calculate uncompensated care, charges will be converted to costs by application of a standard, auditable ratio of cost to charge and providers will recognize appropriate patient specific funding and lump sum funding available to offset costs. Any amounts received by the Physician Practice Plan from Upper Payment Limit shall be counted as payments received for uncompensated care.

**Sec. 21. County Indigent Care Contracts.**

1. **Contracts Required.** It is the intent of the Legislature that all institutions of higher education providing indigent health care contract with relevant counties in their service area to recover the costs associated with treating those counties' indigent patients.
2. **County Indigent Care Contracts Reporting.** The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at the end of each fiscal year a list of counties whose indigent residents have been served by each institution; the total amount of reimbursement received by each institution from each county pursuant to the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act; and the total cost, by county, of services provided by each institution for which counties are liable pursuant to the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act. In addition, each institution shall report annually (no later than March 1st) to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor on the status of contract agreements or negotiations with each county whose indigent residents have been served by the institution.

**Sec. 22. Ethics Policy.**

1. None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an institution of higher education until its governing board has adopted an ethics policy which includes the requirements of Texas Government Code, Section 572.051. The ethics policy shall apply to the board of regents and its staff, the administration, staff, and faculty of the institutions under the board's governance.
2. The ethics policy adopted by each board of regents shall also include specific provisions regarding sexual harassment.

**Sec. 23. Driscoll Children's Hospital.** No funds appropriated to a health-related institution of higher education shall be used to replace or duplicate the Driscoll Children's Hospital in caring for children with special health-care needs, including pediatric cardiovascular diseases, or in assuming the direct care of those children. This rider language shall not restrict the traditional referral patterns utilized by physicians to refer patients to health related institutions.

**Sec. 24. Participation in Drug Development Research Projects.** A public university may not expend funds appropriated by this Act, including appropriations of grants or gifts, to conduct a drug development research protocol involving a person who is receiving mental health services under a protective custody order, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Chapter 574. This rider is not intended to limit or prohibit provisions for treatment established under Health and Safety Code, Section 576.022.

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**Sec. 25. Post Tenure Review.** None of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an institution of higher education until its governing board has filed with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board policies and procedures regarding post tenure review which have been adopted by the board of regents. Post tenure policies shall include review procedures to determine that a tenured faculty member is performing consistently at an acceptable, professional level and a mechanism whereby a faculty member is informed of any deficiencies and provided opportunities to effectively improve his or her performance.

**Sec. 26. General Academic Funding.** Appropriations made in this Act for formula funding for general academic institutions will consist of four formulas and supplemental items.

1. **Instruction and Operation Formula.** The Instruction and Operations Formula shall provide funding for faculty salaries, including nursing, departmental operating expense, library, instructional administration, research enhancement, student services, and institutional support. These funds are distributed on a weighted semester credit hour basis. The rate per weighted semester credit hour for the 2026-27 biennium is \$55.15 in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.

Weighting is determined by the following matrix:

	Lower Div	Upper Div	Masters	Doctoral	Special Professional
Liberal Arts	1.10	2.03	4.79	15.95	-
Science	1.47	2.86	6.63	23.74	-
Fine Arts	1.51	2.89	8.22	11.79	-
Teacher Ed	1.34	2.08	2.48	8.25	-
Agriculture	1.55	2.42	9.96	15.59	-
Engineering	1.90	3.04	6.49	20.59	-
Home Economics	1.01	1.95	3.47	15.70	-
Law	-	-	-	-	5.73
Social Services	1.71	2.07	2.75	30.72	-
Library Science	2.89	1.83	3.85	28.06	-
Vet Med	-	-	-	-	22.73
Vocational Training	1.59	3.49	-	-	-
Physical Training	4.01	9.18	-	-	-
Health Services	1.07	1.75	2.84	8.91	3.63
Pharmacy	12.38	4.67	45.01	53.52	5.12
Business Admin	1.19	2.05	3.28	41.85	-
Optometry	-	-	-	-	5.70
Teacher Ed Practice	1.43	2.51	-	-	-
Technology	1.76	2.48	5.53	8.78	-
Nursing	1.73	2.25	2.97	10.23	-
Development Ed	1.10	-	-	-	-

2. **Teaching Experience Supplement.** For the 2026-27 biennium, an additional weight of 10 percent is added to lower division and upper division semester credit hours taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Legislature that the weight shall increase by 10 percent per biennium, up to 50 percent.
3. **Infrastructure Support.** Funding associated with plant-related formulas and utilities shall be distributed by the infrastructure support formula which is driven by the predicted square feet for universities' educational and general activities produced by the Space Projection Model developed by the Coordinating Board. The portion of the formula related to utilities is adjusted to reflect differences in unit costs for purchased utilities, including electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater, and thermal energy. The average rate per square foot is \$5.94 in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027.
4. **Supplemental Non-formula Items.** Institutions shall receive a direct reimbursement as applicable for staff group insurance (other educational and general income portion), workers' compensation insurance, unemployment compensation insurance, public education grants, organized activities, scholarships, tuition revenue bond payments, and facility lease charges.

Institutions may receive an appropriation for non-formula support items. Revenue derived from board authorized tuition would still be appropriated to the institutions levying the additional charges.

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- a. The General Academic Instruction and Operations and Infrastructure formulas shall incorporate the Higher Education Coordinating Board's October 2006 recommendations for mission-specific formula funding for Texas A&M University at Galveston.
- 5. **Small Institution Supplement.** The Small Institution Supplement, as a set-aside within the General Academic Institution Infrastructure Formula, shall provide supplemental funding to general academic institutions with headcounts of fewer than 10,000 students. For the 2026-27 biennium, general academic institutions with a headcount of fewer than 5,000 students shall receive a small institution supplement of \$2,633,133. The small institution supplement shall decrease proportionate to the increase in headcount above 5,000 until the institution reaches 10,000 headcount. Once an institution reaches 10,000 headcount, it shall no longer be eligible for this supplement.

These formulas and supplemental items shall be reviewed and updated by study committees appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and recommended changes forwarded to the Legislature, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor by June 1, 2026.

**Sec. 27. Health Related Institutions Funding.** Appropriations made in this Act for formula funding for health related institutions shall consist of four formulas plus supplemental non-formula items.

- 1. **Instruction and Operations Support Formula.** The Instruction and Operations Support Formula shall provide funding on a per student or full-time equivalent basis. Funding for each instructional program is based on the following funding weights per student, with a base value per weighted student of \$9,689 in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Weight Per Student</u>
Allied Health	1.000
Biomedical Science	1.018
Nursing	1.138
Pharmacy	1.670
Public Health	1.721
Biomedical Informatics	1.750
Dental	4.601
Medical	4.753
Podiatry	4.753

Instructional programs at remote locations and the main campus at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler with enrollments of less than 200 students at individual campuses shall receive additional funding to compensate for the diseconomies of scale. The minimum formula shall generate additional funding per student, on a sliding scale, with programs with small enrollments receiving more additional funding per student.

- 2. **Infrastructure Support Formula.** Funding to the health related institutions for plant support and utilities shall be distributed by the infrastructure support formula which is driven by the predicted square feet for the health related institutions produced by the Space Projection Model developed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The rate per square foot is \$6.14 in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for all health related institutions.

Because the Space Projection Model does not account for hospital space, separate infrastructure funding for hospital space at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall be included in the total funding for hospital and center operations.

- 3. **Research Funding.** The health related institutions shall retain 100 percent of indirect research costs recovered on grants. Each institution also receives research enhancement funding of \$1,412,500 plus 1.17 percent in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 of its research expenditures as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- 4. **Research at Clinical Partners.** Research conducted by faculty of a health related institution under a contract with a clinical partner shall be considered in the formula calculations for the Research Enhancement and E&G Space Support strategies as defined under Article III, Special Provisions Relating Only To State Agencies of Higher Education, Section 27, Subsection 2, Infrastructure Support Formula and Section 27, Subsection 3, Research Funding.



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5. **Graduate Medical Education Formula.** The Graduate Medical Education Formulas shall provide funding on a per medical resident basis. Funding is based on a base value of \$11,940 per medical resident in an accredited program. Appropriations for Graduate Medical Education for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 are \$5,970 per resident.
6. **Health Related Institution Graduate Medical Education.** The funds appropriated above in each of the health related institutions bill pattern titled Graduate Medical Education (GME) shall be spent to increase the number of resident slots in the State of Texas as well as faculty costs relating to GME. In addition, each health related institution shall work with the Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop new performance measures relating to increasing the number of resident slots in the State of Texas.
7. **Supplemental Non-formula Items.** Institutions shall receive a direct reimbursement as applicable for staff group insurance, workers' compensation insurance, unemployment insurance, public education grants, medical loans, tuition revenue bond payments, and facility lease charges. Institutions may receive an appropriation for non-formula support items and hospital and clinic operations.
8. **Formula Study Committees.** These formulas shall be reviewed and updated by study committees appointed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and recommended changes forwarded to the Legislature, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor by June 1, 2026.
9. **Mission Specific Support - Cancer Center Operations.** The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center does not provide formal medical education which qualifies for instruction support under Subsection 1 above. Therefore, funding allocated to this institution shall be based on the following criteria:
  - a. The General Revenue Operations formula funding provided to The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Strategy A.2.1, Cancer Center Operations, shall be based on the total number of Texas cancer patients served at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 and 2027 shall be based on the number of total Texas cancer patients served in 2024. The rate per patient shall be \$1,514 in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for Strategy A.2.1, Cancer Center Operations. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.
  - b. The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in Subsection (a) above.
10. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula.** The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center has a mission that is research intensive. To enhance research capacity, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:
  - a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
    - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 14.25 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. The Base Match rate shall be adjusted based on the average annualized increase or decrease in research expenditures from the prior biennium's three-year base average.
    - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for

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the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$10,000,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$20,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of research operations, expanding research capacity, and pursuing excellence in its research mission. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines monies from the General Revenue Fund to be provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$163,609,158 from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

11. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula.** To enhance research capacity at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:
  - a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
    - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 6.93 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. The Base Match rate shall be adjusted based on the average annualized increase or decrease in research expenditures from the prior biennium's three-year base average.
    - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$10,000,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$20,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of research operations, expanding research capacity, and pursuing excellence in its research mission. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the monies from the General Revenue Fund to be provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$69,712,340 from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

12. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula.** To enhance research capacity at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:

- a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
  - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 9.24 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. The Base Match rate shall be adjusted based on the average annualized increase or decrease in research expenditures from the prior biennium's three-year base average.
  - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$10,000,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$20,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of research operations, expanding research capacity, and pursuing excellence in its research mission. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the General Revenue provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$61,029,080 from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

13. **Mission Specific Support - Multicategorical Teaching Hospital Support.** The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston operates a state owned hospital with a statutorily-based mission to operate a hospital and health system. Funding allocated to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for its hospitals and health system shall be based on the following criteria:

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- a. General Revenue formula funding provided to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in Strategy A.1.7, Health System Operations, shall be based on the total number of Texas patient encounters in 2024 in trauma, primary care, diabetes, heart, psychiatry, and telemedicine. The rate per patient for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be \$153.34. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.
  - b. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation, which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in Subsection (a) above.
14. **Mission Specific Support - Border Health Operations.** Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso serves border and rural communities through health care programs and operations. Funding allocated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso for its border health operations shall be based on the following criteria:
- a. General Revenue formula funding provided to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso in Strategy A.1.6, Performance Based Border Health Operations, shall be based on the total number of Texas patient encounters in 2024. The rate per patient for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be \$21.31. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.
  - b. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation, which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in Subsection (a) above.
15. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula.** To enhance research capacity at Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:
- a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to Texas A&M University System Health Science Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
    - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 12.17 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.
    - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 20.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$2,500,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 40.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 60.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$5,000,000.
  - b. For purposes of calculating the base match rate for institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula for the 2026-27 biennium, the amounts associated with the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) contract shall be excluded from the research expenditures used for the calculations.

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The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of research operations, expanding research capacity, and pursuing excellence in its research mission. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the monies from the General Revenue Fund to be provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$52,077,548 in from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

16. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Research Operations Formula.** To enhance the Center for Human Identification at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, assist the institution in leveraging research grants and gifts, and support expansion of the institution's research operations, additional research formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:
- a. General Revenue Research Operations Formula funding allocated to University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Research Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
    - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Base Match rate shall be 28.58 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.
    - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual research expenditures since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures for the two-year base period preceding each biennium, as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board, excluding research expenditures from state appropriations. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 20.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$0 and \$1,500,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 40.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures between \$1,500,000 and \$3,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 60.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research expenditures greater than \$3,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Research Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of supporting the Center for Human Identification, the institution's research operations, and expanding research capacity. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Research Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the monies from the General Revenue to be provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$39,247,092 from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

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17. **Mission Specific Support - Performance Based Rural Operations Formula.** To enhance rural health care access, support health care workforce development, and expand research capacity at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center by leveraging research and public service grants and gifts, additional formula funding shall be provided based on the following criteria:
- a. General Revenue Rural Operations Formula funding allocated to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Strategy B.1.2, Performance Based Rural Operations Formula, shall be guided to the institution through two mechanisms that measure the institution's performance.
    - 1) Base Match allocations shall be based on the institution's average annual expenditures from federal and private sources. This includes research expenditures as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and public service expenditures from federal and private sources for the previous three-year period. The Base Match rate shall be 59.48 percent for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. For purposes of calculating the base match rate for the institution's Performance Based Rural Operations Formula for the 2026-27 biennium, the federal amounts associated with the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium shall be excluded from the public service expenditures used for the calculations.
    - 2) Performance Incentive Tiered Match allocations shall be based on the increase of the institution's average annual expenditures from federal and private sources since the prior biennium. The calculation of this increase shall be based on the average annual research expenditures from federal and private sources, as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and public service expenditures from federal and private sources for the two-year base period preceding each biennium. The Tiered Match shall allocate funding in three tiers that increase on a sliding scale. Tier 1 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 25.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research and public service expenditures between \$0 and \$2,500,000. Tier 2 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 50.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research and public service expenditures between \$2,500,000 and \$5,000,000. Tier 3 shall provide matching monies from the General Revenue Fund at a rate of 75.0 percent for any increase in the institution's average annual research and public service expenditures greater than \$5,000,000.

The institution's Performance Based Rural Operations Formula shall be expended for the purpose of enhancing rural health care access, supporting health care workforce development, and expanding the institution's research capacity. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding for the Performance Based Rural Operations Formula from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation. In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's performance-driven target, the formula mechanisms and performance-calculated match rates remain while the Legislature determines the monies from the General Revenue Fund to be provided. In the 2026-27 biennium, \$41,375,459 from the General Revenue Fund is provided.

18. **Mission Specific Support - Chest Disease Center Operations.** The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler has a statutory mission to conduct research, develop diagnostic and treatment techniques, provide training and teaching programs, and provide diagnosis and treatment of inpatients and outpatients with pulmonary, respiratory and other diseases of the chest. Funding allocated to the institution shall be based on the following criteria:
- a. General Revenue Operations formula funding appropriated to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler in Strategy A.1.5, Chest Disease Center Operations, shall be based on the number of cases in which disease diagnoses are treated by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. Monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 and 2027 shall be based on the number of such cases treated in fiscal year 2024. The rate per case for fiscal year 2026 and 2027 shall be \$96. For formula funding purposes, the

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amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health Related Institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium.

- b. The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate report discussed above and supporting documentation which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocation in Subsection (a).

19. **Mission Specific Support - Sam Houston Regional Education Consortium.** The Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine operates the Sam Houston Regional Education Consortium for Graduate Medical Education to address the shortage of physicians in rural areas by placing residents in rural and underserved areas. Funding allocated to Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine for the consortium shall be based on the following criteria of patient care:

- a. General Revenue formula funding provided to Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Strategy A.1.3, Sam Houston Regional Consortium, shall be based on the total number of Texas patient encounters in 2024. The rate per patient for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be \$150.00. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health-Related Institutions in the Instructions and Operations Support formula for the current biennium.
- b. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.
- c. The Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation, which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in subsection (a) above.

20. **Mission Specific Support - The University of Texas Academic Medical Center.** The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School operates and is establishing Texas' newest academic medical center providing patient-centered care headquartered at a world class research university. Funding allocated to The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School for the academic medical center shall be based on the following criteria of patient care and research:

- a. General Revenue formula funding provided to The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School in Strategy A.1.3, Academic Medical Center Support, shall be based in part on the total number of Texas patient encounters in 2024. The rate per patient for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium shall be \$150.00. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in funding provided by subsection (a) from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for Health-Related Institutions in the Instructions and Operations Support formula for the current biennium.
- b. Formula support from General Revenue to The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School in Strategy A.1.3, Academic Medical Center Support, shall be based in part on The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School's average research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, the institution receives 10 percent of its three-year average of total research expenditures as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in funding provided by subsection (b) from one biennium to another may not exceed 5.0 percent of the institution's total General Revenue appropriations in the prior biennium, excluding appropriations for capital construction assistance project bond debt service.
- c. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

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- d. The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, Governor, and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of the appropriate reports discussed above and supporting documentation, which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in subsection (a) above.
21. **Dental Clinical Education Support.** In addition to other appropriations made by this act, the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, the Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso shall each be appropriated \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to support dental clinics operated by the institution and provide clinical experience to students of the dental school. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

It is the intent of the Legislature that following the 2026-27 biennium, funding to support dental clinics operated by the institution and provide clinical experience to students of the dental school shall be allocated to each health related institution listed above based on the following criteria:

- a. Monies from the General Revenue Fund provided to each of the health related institutions listed above for Dental Clinical Education shall be based on the average annual number of patient visits to a dental clinic operated by the institution in the previous three-year period as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The rate per patient for each fiscal year of the biennium shall be the average financial loss to the institution per patient visit in the previous three-year period. For formula funding purposes, the amount of growth in total funding from one biennium to another may not exceed the average growth in funding for health related institutions in the Instruction and Operations formula for the current biennium. The Legislative Budget Board shall implement the funding in accordance with this limitation
- b. It is the intent of the Legislature that monies from the General Revenue Fund provided to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso for Dental Clinical Education shall be \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium until funding provided by subsection (a) exceeds \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year.
- c. The health related institutions listed above shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a copy of supporting documentation which provides the necessary information to calculate the formula allocations in subsection (a) above.

In a biennium in which funding is not available to meet the institution's funding determined in subsection (a), the formula mechanisms remain while the Legislature determines the General Revenue provided.

**Sec. 28. Optional Retirement Program Differential.** Included in the appropriation to institutions of higher education in this Act are General Revenue Fund amounts to offset local funds used for the optional retirement program employer contributions between 6.6 percent and 7.31 percent of salaries for employees who were on the state payroll or who were employed by a Public Community or Junior College as of August 31, 1995. These General Revenue Fund amounts are included in the funding formulas for general academic institutions and two-year institutions and in the base funding for other institutions of higher education.

**Sec. 29. Indirect Cost Recovery Earned by Texas A&M System Agencies.** The Texas A&M University System agencies shall report to the Legislative Budget Board in their Legislative Appropriations Requests for the 2028-29 biennium all indirect cost recovery revenue earned on research grants and contracts including amounts collected by the Research Foundation.

**Sec. 30. Fire Safety Projects at Institutions of Higher Education.** Because of the urgent nature of these projects, it is the intent of the Legislature that institutions of higher education that have major fire safety projects, identified by the State Fire Marshal's Office as not meeting the requirements of the National Fire Protection Association, Life Safety Code 101, Edition, remedy the fire safety issues and complete any related construction and renovation projects as soon as practical. Institutions shall consult with the State Fire Marshal's Office and develop a time line for completion of the projects. Institutions



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shall implement the interim safety precautions recommended by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The State Fire Marshal shall submit periodic reports to the House Appropriations Committee and Senate Finance Committee on the progress of institutions in remedying the fire safety issues.

Institutions of higher education shall notify parents of students living in dormitories identified by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The notice shall contain information about the actions needed to rectify noncompliance and the time frame in which the institution plans to make improvements in order to comply.

**Sec. 31. Funding for Physical Education Courses.** No funds appropriated under this act shall be used for contact hours or semester credit hours for students who are registered solely for physical education, weight lifting, group exercises, aerobics, or related courses; have registered for the same such course more than once; and are not seeking a degree plan or certificate of completion of a course of study.

**Sec. 32. Faculty Salary Increase Report.** The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall report the average salary increase provided to faculty at each general academic institution to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor by January 31 of each fiscal year on a form prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**Sec. 33. Endowed Chairs.** Out of funds appropriated to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for Baylor College of Medicine, Houston; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, each may expend up to \$1,000,000 out of funds appropriated in this Act to fund one endowed chair or professorship for spinal cord injury research.

**Sec. 34. Nursing School Enrollment.** The Legislature encourages institutions of higher education who receive state appropriations not to reduce the number of student full-time equivalents enrolled in programs preparing students for licensure as registered nurses in state fiscal years ending August 31, 2026, and August 31, 2027, below the number of student full-time equivalents enrolled for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2025. This provision shall not be construed as requiring any school to accept an unqualified applicant to its professional nursing program. In the event that a school falls below the required number of students enrolled in professional nursing program by more than 5 percent for the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, and the state fiscal year ending August 31, 2027, the school shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board the reasons for failing to meet the required enrollment.

**Sec. 35. Student Travel Policy.** Each governing board of an institution of higher education shall use the appropriations above to adopt a policy regulating travel that is undertaken by one or more students presently enrolled at the institution to reach an activity or event that is located more than 25 miles from the institution that is organized and sponsored by the institution and that is funded by the institution, and the travel is undertaken using a vehicle owned or leased by the institution or required by a student organization registered at the institution.

**Sec. 36. Non-formula Support Item Support.** Any appropriations made to non-formula support item support strategies throughout this Article are intended to supplement existing programs and may not be used to supplant funds.

**Sec. 37. Informational Listing - Permanent Funds and Endowments.** The following is an informational list of the amounts used to capitalize Permanent Funds and Endowments created by House Bills 1676 and 1945, Seventy-sixth Legislature, and does not make appropriations.

Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, Fund No. 810	\$ 350,000,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Endowment, Fund No. 811	\$ 200,000,000
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Endowment, Fund No. 812	\$ 100,000,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Endowment (El Paso), Fund No. 820	\$ 25,000,000

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The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Endowment, Fund No. 813	\$ 50,000,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Endowment (Other Than El Paso), Fund No. 821	\$ 25,000,000
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Endowment, Fund No. 814	\$ 25,000,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Endowment, Fund No. 815	\$ 25,000,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler Endowment, Fund No. 816	\$ 25,000,000
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Endowment, Fund No. 818	\$ 25,000,000
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Endowment, Fund No. 819	\$ 25,000,000
Permanent Endowment Fund for The University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center, Fund No. 822	\$ 20,000,000
The University of Texas at El Paso Endowment, Fund No. 817	\$ 25,000,000
Permanent Endowment Fund for the Baylor College of Medicine, Fund No. 823	\$ 25,000,000
Permanent Fund For Higher Education Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health Related Programs, Fund No. 824	\$ 45,000,000
Permanent Fund for Minority Health Research and Education, Fund No. 825	\$ 25,000,000

**Sec. 38. Appropriation of Funds from the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education.**

Included in the amounts appropriated to health related institutions of higher education is an estimated appropriation based on the institution's allocation of the estimated earnings out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education for each fiscal year of the biennium. Amounts available for distribution from this fund are estimated to be \$24,416,110 each fiscal year of the biennium. The funds appropriated out of the Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education shall be distributed to the institutions of higher education for the purpose of medical research, health education, or treatment programs in accordance with Education Code, Section 63.003, as determined by the Legislative Budget Board. The determined distribution allocations shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date the Legislative Budget Board staff concludes its distribution calculations and forwards the distribution calculations 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.

Along with the determined distributions referenced above, the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts shall also distribute any current or prior interest earned on pre-distribution balances held in the State Treasury to the eligible institutions in proportion to the allocation distributions determined by the Legislative Budget Board in accordance with Education Code, Section 63.003.

The Legislative Budget Board shall provide a copy of the approved annual distribution allocation data and amounts by institution to participating institutions of higher education.

**Sec. 39. Limitation on Formula Funding Contact and Semester Credit Hours.** In order to control costs and limit General Revenue formula appropriations, contact hours or semester credit hours related

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to a course for which a student is generating formula funding for the third time shall be excluded from being counted in the hours reported by the Higher Education Coordinating Board to the Legislative Budget Board for formula funding.

**Sec. 40. Financial Information Reporting Requirement.** In addition to the financial information required to be reported in accordance with Government Code, 2101.011, each university system, general academic institution, and health-related institution receiving appropriations in this Act shall continue to provide to the Higher Education Coordinating Board financial data related to the operation of each system office and institution as was reported in the 2001 annual financial report. Each system office and institution of higher education shall provide the report no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year using the specific content and format prescribed by the Coordinating Board.

**Sec. 41. Texas A&M University System Cost Efficiencies.** The Texas A&M University System research and service agencies including Texas A&M AgriLife Research, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, and Texas Division of Emergency Management shall use the appropriations in this Act to contract or out-source administrative functions within the research and service agencies, Texas A&M University, and/or the Texas A&M University System to use the appropriations in this Act in the most cost-effective extent with the goals of reducing administrative costs, increasing efficiencies, and capitalizing on economies of scale.

**Sec. 42. Display and Availability of Health Information.** The Legislature intends that an institution of higher education, as defined by Education Code, Section 61.003, that spends appropriated money to support a student health center or similar facility that displays or makes available to students pamphlets, brochures, or similar printed material relating to health issues will make available to female students copies of the current edition of the brochure published by the Department of State Health Services entitled "A Woman's Right to Know."

**Sec. 43. Texas A&M System Agencies' Infrastructure Support Inside Brazos County.** General Revenue funding associated with infrastructure expenses and utilities for the Texas A&M System Agencies inside Brazos County shall be determined by the infrastructure support formula as outlined in Section 26 (3). Infrastructure support for the A&M System Agencies shall be determined by multiplying the Texas A&M University rate as determined under Section 26 (3) (estimated to be \$5.94) times the square footage provided by the Space Projection Model developed by the Coordinating Board.

**Sec. 44. Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Awards for 2024.** The following awards were announced by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute for fiscal year 2024:

Baylor College of Medicine	\$ 44,514,218
Texas A&M University	\$ 1,998,639
Texas Southern University	\$ 2,000,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	\$ 2,500,000
The University of Texas at Austin	\$ 13,113,372
The University of Texas at Dallas	\$ 3,098,797
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$ 1,247,331
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	\$ 11,145,551
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	\$ 11,400,000
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$ 53,911,275
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	\$ 3,539,832
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	\$ 34,363,995

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University of Houston	\$ 1,400,000
Total	\$ 184,233,010

**Sec. 45. Community College Transfer Student Reporting Requirement.** All General Academic Institutions shall use their respective Education and General funds appropriated in this Act to develop and submit an annual report to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) that details the institution's goals to increase the number, success, and persistence of community college transfer students as measured by THECB. The report shall assess each institution's existing academic and technical transfer pathways, identify each institution's barriers to transfer, and define emerging issues. The report shall detail institution actions to serve current and future transfer students through local and regional articulation agreements with faculty collaboration, community college program enhancements, student outreach and advising, website information development, targeted financial aid, university student success programs, and degree program alignment.

The THECB shall provide performance data by institution (application rates, admission rates, financial aid awarded, time-to-degree, and baccalaureate graduation rates) of transfer and native students by program completion at community colleges and universities during the preceding fiscal year. The THECB shall conduct a comparative analysis of the institutional reports and the performance data. The THECB shall submit an annual report to the Legislature that evaluates actions to increase the number, success, and persistence of community college transfer students and make recommendations to meet state goals.

The report shall be delivered to the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 1 of each year.

**Sec. 46. Mexican American Studies Program or Other Course Work.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of each general academic institution located in one or more counties with a substantial and growing Mexican American population may establish a Mexican American studies program or other course work in Mexican American studies at the institution. For that purpose, the governing board of an institution described by this section may use a portion of the available monies from the General Revenue Fund otherwise appropriated to the institution by this Act for the purpose of evaluating the demand for and feasibility of establishing a Mexican American studies program or other course work in Mexican American studies in connection with establishing and operating such a program of other course work at the institution.

**Sec. 47. State Two Year Institution Funding.** The Instruction and Administration Formula for the 2026-27 biennium provides funding for Lamar State Colleges at an annual rate of \$9.16 per contact hour.

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- Small Institution Supplement.** The Small Institution Supplement, as a set-aside within the General Academic Institution Infrastructure Formula, shall provide supplemental funding to the Lamar State Colleges with headcounts of fewer than 10,000 students. For the 2026-27 biennium, Lamar State Colleges with a headcount of fewer than 5,000 students shall receive a small institution supplement of \$2,633,133. The small institution supplement shall decrease proportionate to the increase in headcount above 5,000 until the institution reaches 10,000 headcount. Once an institution reaches 10,000 headcount, it shall no longer be eligible for this supplement.

**Sec. 48. Informational Listing-Designated Tuition.** The following is an informational list of estimated gross designated tuition amounts for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 as reported in Section 2: Selected Educational, General and Other Funds of the Legislative Appropriations Request for Institutions of Higher Education.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$ 263,064,668	\$ 265,695,315
The University of Texas at Austin	524,975,974	524,975,974
The University of Texas at Dallas	363,422,260	370,690,705
The University of Texas at El Paso	121,110,277	122,321,379
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	199,625,276	210,096,334
The University of Texas Permian Basin	19,915,099	20,313,401
The University of Texas at San Antonio	166,643,536	168,309,971
The University of Texas at Tyler	55,679,502	59,020,272

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Stephen F. Austin University	64,601,700	65,893,734
Texas A&M University	594,273,973	600,216,713
Texas A&M University at Galveston	16,721,066	16,888,276
Prairie View A&M University	52,250,385	52,903,515
Tarleton State University	96,387,809	96,387,809
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	11,921,548	12,279,195
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	38,650,920	39,037,429
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	20,160,400	20,160,400
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	17,531,606	17,706,922
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	10,059,631	10,462,016
Texas A&M International University	23,598,582	23,834,568
East Texas A&M University	23,625,000	23,625,000
West Texas A&M University	38,276,141	37,510,618
University of Houston	340,870,534	340,870,534
University of Houston-Clear Lake	40,571,963	41,180,542
University of Houston-Downtown	66,545,455	67,543,637
University of Houston-Victoria	14,520,704	14,520,704
University of North Texas	275,755,759	275,755,759
University of North Texas at Dallas	15,888,523	16,365,179
Texas Southern University	44,525,926	44,525,926
Texas Tech University	291,955,159	294,874,710
Angelo State University	25,093,249	25,093,249
Midwestern State University	18,500,000	18,750,000
Texas Woman's University	61,985,167	61,985,167
Lamar University	82,500,000	82,500,000
Lamar Institute of Technology	3,168,514	3,231,885
Lamar State College-Orange	1,868,500	1,887,185
Lamar State College-Port Arthur	2,151,095	2,194,116
Sam Houston State University	105,282,603	106,335,729
Texas State University	269,494,388	272,189,331
Sul Ross State University	5,974,677	6,034,424
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	1,319,265	1,332,458
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	22,679,281	23,524,387
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	40,600,000	40,600,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	36,500,000	36,500,000
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	40,600,000	40,600,000
The University of Texas Dell Medical School	2,522,988	2,522,988
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	819,688	844,279
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	603,956	722,782
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	4,723,220	5,732,755
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	23,853,466	24,092,001
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	30,300,000	31,100,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	13,140,166	14,048,960
University of Houston College of Medicine	1,184,568	1,184,568
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	12,368,967	12,399,890
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	11,260,578	11,598,395
Texas State Technical College-East Williamson County	1,743,017	1,917,318
Texas State Technical College-Fort Bend	5,726,720	6,299,392
Texas State Technical College-Harlingen	15,493,478	17,042,826
Texas State Technical College-Marshall	4,083,814	4,492,196
Texas State Technical College-North Texas	1,955,195	2,150,715
Texas State Technical College-Waco	30,543,379	33,597,717
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	6,795,042	7,474,546
Total	\$ 4,697,964,357	\$ 4,753,945,796

**Sec. 49. Federal Medicaid Funding.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the health related institutions utilize their 2026-27 General Revenue Fund appropriations to maximize Federal Medicaid funding through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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**Sec. 50. Transfer of Appropriations for Participation in the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver.** Institutions of higher education are authorized to make intergovernmental transfers of funds to the Health and Human Services Commission to provide the non-federal share of uncompensated care or delivery system reform incentive payments under the Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver.

**Sec. 51. Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, in expending funds appropriated by this Act, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University shall make a good faith effort to improve the racial diversity of the university's student body and shall, in determining admissions and in adopting any institutional policy, comply with the United States Constitution and Texas Constitution.

**Sec. 52. Network Access Improvement Program Annual Report.** The Public Health Related Institutions and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), reporting for Baylor College of Medicine, and a family practice, primary care, or other residency program participating through THECB, shall submit an annual report on the clients and services provided through the Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP) to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year. The report shall include the following items provided with the funding received through NAIP:

- (1) average monthly Medicaid clients served;
- (2) average monthly Medicaid encounters;
- (3) average monthly Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) clients served; and
- (4) average monthly CHIP encounters.

**Sec. 53. Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships.** The funds provided to the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program are appropriated in accordance with Transportation Code, Section 504.615 to provide scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance. All balances of appropriations from the Texas Collegiate License Plate Scholarships program to each eligible institution at the close of the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, are hereby appropriated. Any balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 may be carried over to fiscal year 2027 and such funds are appropriated for fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.

In addition to educational and general funds amounts appropriated by this Act, all unexpended balances that may exist and all receipts deposited in the state treasury during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, to the credit of the institutions of higher education as provided by VTCA, Transportation Code, Section 504.615, estimated to be \$446,773 in fiscal year 2026 and \$446,773 in fiscal year 2027, are appropriated for that period to the institution of higher education for which the receipts are credited for the purpose of providing scholarships for students who demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

The following is a list of estimated collegiate license plate revenue amounts for fiscal years 2026 and 2027.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
The University of Texas at Arlington	\$ 4,073	\$ 4,073
The University of Texas at Austin	175,000	175,000
The University of Texas at El Paso	132	132
The University of Texas at San Antonio	44	44
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	2,164	2,164
Texas A&M University	165,000	165,000
Texas A&M University - Galveston	20,000	20,000
University of Houston System	11,238	11,238
University of Houston	3,349	3,349
University of Houston-Clear Lake	2,517	2,517
University of Houston-Downtown	8,186	8,186
University of Houston-Victoria	899	899
University of North Texas	10,500	10,500
Stephen F. Austin State University	13,000	13,000
Texas Tech University	35,000	35,000
Angelo State University	1,833	1,833
Sam Houston State University	3,000	3,000
Texas State University	7,946	7,946

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Sul Ross State University	7,946	7,946
Total	\$ 471,827	\$ 471,827

**Sec. 54. Research Funding for General Academic Institutions.** Below are informational amounts related to the Texas Research University Fund and the Comprehensive Research Fund.

- 1. Texas Research University Fund.** The Texas Research University Fund shall provide funding to The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University based on each institution's average research expenditures for the previous three-year period as reported to the Higher Education Coordinating Board. For the 2026-27 biennium, each institution receives 9.9 percent of its three-year average of total research expenditures as reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The amounts listed below for informational purposes are appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund elsewhere in the Act in each affected institution's "Texas Research University Fund" strategy and shall be expended to support faculty for the purpose of instructional excellence and research. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
The University of Texas at Austin	\$38,892,165	\$38,892,165
Texas A&M University	\$46,222,028	\$46,222,028
Total	\$85,114,193	\$85,114,193

- 2. Comprehensive Research Fund.** The Comprehensive Research Fund shall provide funding to promote increased research capacity at general academic institutions, excluding The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M University, and institutions of higher education eligible for appropriations through the National Research Support Fund or the Texas University Fund. Funding to eligible institutions shall be allocated in the same manner that research performance funding is appropriated to institutions eligible to receive funding from the Texas University Fund under Education Code, Section 62.1482(a). Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Sec. 55. Requests for Information on Appropriations Expenditures.** Any public or private institution of higher education receiving funds appropriated in this Article shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board any information requested for the purpose of providing oversight on the expenditure of the appropriated funds by that institution.

**Sec. 56. Emerging Research Universities Research Funding.** Funding to support research at Emerging Research Universities shall consist of appropriations from two research programs.

- 1. Texas Research Incentive Program.** Pursuant to Education Code, Sections 62.121 to 62.124, the Texas Research Incentive Program shall provide matching funds to emerging research universities, designated under the Higher Education Coordinating Board's accountability system, to assist institutions in leveraging private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity.
- 2. National Research Support Fund.** The National Research Support Fund shall provide funding to promote increased research capacity at general academic institutions that are entitled to participate in funding provided by Texas Constitution, Article 7, Section 18; spent at least \$20 million in federal and private research funds per state fiscal year during the preceding three state fiscal years; and awarded on average at least 45 research doctoral degrees per academic year during the preceding three academic years. Funding to eligible institutions shall be allocated in the same manner that research performance funding is appropriated to institutions eligible to receive funding from the Texas University Fund under Education Code, Section 62.1482. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are hereby appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Sec. 57. Exclusion of Non-General Revenue Related Funds from State Imposed Hiring Freezes.** For the 2026-27 biennium, federal funds, appropriated receipts, and indirect cost recovery appropriated to the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station, and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute are exempted from any state-wide hiring freeze.

**Sec. 58. Prohibition on Unconstitutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices.** No funds appropriated by this Act may be expended by an entity listed in this Article (including any component, constituent unit, supported program, or grant recipient) for the design, implementation, or

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administration of diversity, equity, & inclusion practices or programs that do not comply with Texas Constitution, Article 1, Sections 3 and 3a. This prohibition includes, without limitation, the hiring and supervision of employees, mandatory or recommended training, or programmed activities.

**Sec. 59. Boycotts.** Any public or private institution of higher education receiving funds appropriated under this Article shall adopt rules and policies prohibiting an academic boycott that would deprive students or faculty members of the ability to study or conduct research in or about a foreign country or to interact with its scholars or representatives. The rule shall allow the support of an academic boycott if the target is a foreign country that is a state sponsor of terrorism, as defined by the U.S. Department of State.

**Sec. 60. Higher Education Affordability.** It is the intent of the Legislature that certain institutions of higher education adopt policies to maintain total resident undergraduate academic costs, including tuition, mandatory academic fees, all academic-related general fees, and college course fees, at currently approved levels for the next two academic years and submit to the Legislative Budget Board a letter from the Board of Regents certifying that the above policies have been met by September 1, 2025.



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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Texas Education Agency	\$ 22,772,001,823	\$ 21,504,051,914
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	31,412,973	29,596,973
School for the Deaf	63,273,063	28,123,224
Teacher Retirement System	4,142,446,093	3,799,036,860
Optional Retirement Program	135,996,197	137,599,982
Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions	884,394,785	955,104,417
Higher Education Coordinating Board	1,884,945,503	1,496,251,310
Higher Education Fund	393,750,000	393,750,000
The University of Texas System Administration	31,013,119	11,013,119
Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions	107,433,233	107,433,233
The University of Texas at Arlington	157,471,926	157,471,926
The University of Texas at Austin	332,028,554	310,884,460
The University of Texas at Dallas	143,605,451	143,605,451
The University of Texas at El Paso	126,548,912	126,548,912
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	117,630,812	117,630,812
The University of Texas Permian Basin	37,115,509	37,115,509
The University of Texas at San Antonio	150,518,950	150,518,950
The University of Texas at Tyler	47,738,008	47,738,008
Stephen F. Austin State University	40,747,910	40,747,910
Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices	5,517,551	5,517,555
Texas A&M University	381,976,094	381,975,369
Texas A&M University at Galveston	27,898,147	27,898,394
Prairie View A&M University	52,121,190	52,121,165
Tarleton State University	63,152,397	63,150,414
Texas A&M University - Central Texas	23,813,600	23,812,407
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	53,020,281	53,022,831
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	35,855,966	35,859,317
Texas A&M University - San Antonio	34,873,545	34,872,946
Texas A&M International University	38,940,464	38,942,869
West Texas A&M University	40,543,487	40,546,298
East Texas A&M University	47,777,330	47,777,489
Texas A&M University - Texarkana	27,876,832	27,870,546
University of Houston System Administration	59,836,780	59,836,780
University of Houston	161,778,464	161,778,464
University of Houston - Clear Lake	26,428,059	26,428,059
University of Houston - Downtown	28,786,598	28,786,598
University of Houston - Victoria	13,492,513	14,022,513
University of North Texas System Administration	5,917,594	5,918,511
University of North Texas	123,547,231	123,548,801
University of North Texas at Dallas	38,829,315	38,825,279
Texas Southern University	56,955,151	56,963,901
Texas Tech University System Administration	1,299,600	1,299,600
Texas Tech University	209,568,266	205,489,930
Angelo State University	36,837,573	36,975,323
Midwestern State University	26,757,675	26,764,799
Texas Woman's University System	265,526	265,526
Texas Woman's University	78,333,994	78,332,619
Texas State University System	2,279,600	2,279,600
Lamar University	69,994,574	69,995,074
Lamar Institute of Technology	28,596,374	28,596,368
Lamar State College - Orange	20,570,856	20,573,112
Lamar State College - Port Arthur	25,534,083	25,536,384
Sam Houston State University	79,715,400	79,715,380
Texas State University	146,869,470	146,809,689
Sul Ross State University	13,784,968	13,787,968
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	6,242,191	6,242,191
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	208,140,307	208,140,306
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	288,560,124	288,560,124
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	227,428,173	227,428,173
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	185,802,214	185,802,214

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	48,196,608	48,196,607
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	237,139,801	237,139,801
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	65,636,924	65,636,923
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School	33,471,476	33,471,476
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	198,201,598	198,204,138
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	122,713,570	121,738,165
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	163,100,419	161,687,129
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	81,053,379	79,444,643
University of Houston College of Medicine	23,186,277	23,186,277
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	27,949,205	27,949,205
Public Community/Junior Colleges	1,241,825,019	1,231,825,017
Texas State Technical College System Administration	3,043,001	3,043,001
Texas State Technical College - Harlingen	36,370,538	36,349,860
Texas State Technical College - West Texas	23,210,196	23,203,849
Texas State Technical College - Marshall	13,617,745	13,614,331
Texas State Technical College - Waco	54,866,937	54,829,029
Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend	12,129,986	12,125,466
Texas State Technical College - North Texas	9,005,540	9,001,697
Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County	7,560,516	7,554,809
Texas A&M AgriLife Research	85,980,465	85,980,465
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	72,680,111	72,680,110
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station	36,698,914	36,697,342
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	12,039,268	12,039,268
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	26,079,545	26,079,545
Texas A&M Forest Service	214,213,595	20,922,595
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	12,587,413	12,585,912
Texas Division of Emergency Management	<u>40,530,302</u>	<u>34,095,934</u>
Subtotal, Agencies of Education	\$ 37,508,680,726	\$ 35,285,576,450
Retirement and Group Insurance	51,453,380	55,430,180
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>383,485,557</u>	<u>403,300,336</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 434,938,937	\$ 458,730,516
Bond Debt Service Payments	3,415,898	3,203,238
Lease Payments	<u>4,302,734</u>	<u>4,626,630</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 7,718,632	\$ 7,829,868
Special Provisions Relating to Compounds of Texas State Technical Coll, Contingency Appropriations	<u>850,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION	<u>\$ 38,801,338,295</u>	<u>\$ 35,752,136,834</u>

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	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Texas Education Agency	\$ 2,611,722	\$ 0
Teacher Retirement System	40,680,322	41,761,299
Optional Retirement Program	24,469,296	24,413,798
Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions	3,485,513	3,764,354
Higher Education Coordinating Board	17,767,492	17,767,492
The University of Texas at Arlington	74,234,909	74,234,909
The University of Texas at Austin	123,363,246	123,363,246
The University of Texas at Dallas	78,636,872	78,636,873
The University of Texas at El Paso	30,549,857	30,549,857
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	38,600,657	38,600,657
The University of Texas Permian Basin	6,296,493	6,296,493
The University of Texas at San Antonio	49,184,432	49,184,432
The University of Texas at Tyler	10,523,866	10,523,866
Stephen F. Austin State University	12,894,310	12,894,310
Texas A&M University	148,073,886	148,073,888
Texas A&M University at Galveston	4,093,238	4,093,237
Prairie View A&M University	23,934,480	22,034,480
Tarleton State University	20,040,737	20,040,737
Texas A&M University - Central Texas	2,746,277	2,746,277
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	17,840,907	17,840,907
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	12,098,546	12,098,546
Texas A&M University - San Antonio	8,138,416	8,138,416
Texas A&M International University	11,256,186	11,256,186
West Texas A&M University	11,792,779	11,792,779
East Texas A&M University	10,438,877	10,438,877
Texas A&M University - Texarkana	2,311,582	2,311,582
University of Houston	82,965,624	82,965,624
University of Houston - Clear Lake	11,644,847	11,644,847
University of Houston - Downtown	17,579,002	17,579,002
University of Houston - Victoria	5,436,144	5,436,144
University of North Texas	111,355,066	111,355,066
University of North Texas at Dallas	7,547,815	7,547,815
Texas Southern University	24,036,403	24,036,403
Texas Tech University	65,844,280	65,844,280
Angelo State University	12,447,911	12,447,911
Midwestern State University	5,975,042	5,975,042
Texas Woman's University	22,719,778	22,719,778
Lamar University	22,235,788	22,235,788
Lamar Institute of Technology	3,250,545	3,250,545
Lamar State College - Orange	1,799,506	1,799,506
Lamar State College - Port Arthur	1,804,815	1,804,815
Sam Houston State University	34,214,048	28,857,048
Texas State University	51,359,526	51,359,526
Sul Ross State University	1,445,944	1,445,944
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	512,995	512,995
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	9,599,262	9,599,262
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	13,419,899	13,419,899
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	28,347,766	28,347,766
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	22,665,782	22,665,782
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	1,754,041	1,754,041
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	816,853	816,853
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	1,130,818	1,130,818
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School	1,367,313	1,367,313
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	22,250,763	22,250,763
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	11,006,279	11,006,279

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Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	15,862,453	15,862,453
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	5,360,102	5,360,102
University of Houston College of Medicine	1,325,684	1,325,684
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	3,072,898	3,072,898
Texas State Technical College System Administration	21,042	22,515
Texas State Technical College - Harlingen	2,382,389	2,630,905
Texas State Technical College - West Texas	970,582	1,071,722
Texas State Technical College - Marshall	466,150	514,385
Texas State Technical College - Waco	4,024,398	4,443,633
Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend	528,642	583,985
Texas State Technical College - North Texas	221,521	244,642
Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County	185,973	205,922
Texas A&M AgriLife Research	455,712	455,712
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station	421,384	421,383
Texas A&M Forest Service	64,431,051	64,431,051
Texas Division of Emergency Management	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Subtotal, Agencies of Education	\$ 1,482,828,734	\$ 1,475,181,345
Retirement and Group Insurance	61,149	61,453
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>65,619,352</u>	<u>69,291,515</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ <u>65,680,501</u>	\$ <u>69,352,968</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION	<u>\$ 1,548,509,235</u>	<u>\$ 1,544,534,313</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE III  
AGENCIES OF EDUCATION  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Texas Education Agency	\$ 6,856,470,073	\$ 6,813,676,194
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	2,286,000	2,286,000
School for the Deaf	1,018,003	1,018,003
Higher Education Coordinating Board	44,262,056	44,262,056
Texas A&M AgriLife Research	9,880,605	9,880,605
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	14,508,730	14,508,730
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station	168,316,985	168,316,985
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	21,174,659	21,598,152
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	27,638,811	27,638,812
Texas A&M Forest Service	4,989,587	4,989,587
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	227,273	227,273
Texas Division of Emergency Management	<u>1,678,996,977</u>	<u>397,383,136</u>
Subtotal, Agencies of Education	\$ 8,829,769,759	\$ 7,505,785,533
Retirement and Group Insurance	12,025,712	12,801,663
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>6,058,087</u>	<u>6,205,132</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 18,083,799</u>	<u>\$ 19,006,795</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION	<u><u>\$ 8,847,853,558</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,524,792,328</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE III  
AGENCIES OF EDUCATION  
(Other Funds)**

	August 31, 2026	For the Years Ending August 31, 2027
Texas Education Agency	\$ 17,335,659,810	\$ 17,833,340,808
Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation	56,955,386	60,210,355
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	6,008,000	6,008,000
School for the Deaf	13,370,626	13,360,119
Teacher Retirement System	291,612,800	256,873,800
Higher Education Coordinating Board	114,429,549	122,294,549
The University of Texas System Administration	1,530,000	1,530,000
Available University Fund	1,757,268,321	1,849,582,742
Available Texas University Fund	183,318,993	183,318,993
Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions	10,767,184	10,767,184
The University of Texas at Arlington	4,073	4,073
The University of Texas at Austin	175,000	175,000
The University of Texas at El Paso	1,912,632	1,912,632
The University of Texas at San Antonio	44	44
Stephen F. Austin State University	13,000	13,000
Texas A&M University	165,000	165,000
Texas A&M University at Galveston	20,000	20,000
University of Houston System Administration	11,238	11,238
University of Houston	3,349	3,349
University of Houston - Clear Lake	2,517	2,517
University of Houston - Downtown	8,186	8,186
University of Houston - Victoria	899	899
University of North Texas	10,500	10,500
Texas Tech University	35,000	35,000
Angelo State University	1,833	1,833
Sam Houston State University	3,000	3,000
Texas State University	7,946	7,946
Sul Ross State University	7,946	7,946
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	7,474,228	7,474,228
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	4,528,177	4,528,177
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	4,108,771	4,108,771
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	17,053,043	17,053,043
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	1,303,026	1,303,026
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	10,435,898	10,435,898
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	3,341,767	3,341,767
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School	1,301,423	1,301,423
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	2,783,758	2,783,758
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	2,994,613	2,994,613
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	3,688,907	3,688,907
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	2,752,325	2,752,325
University of Houston College of Medicine	1,100,000	1,100,000
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	1,188,917	1,188,917
Texas A&M AgriLife Research	7,355,301	7,355,301
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	13,985,412	13,985,412
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station	70,095,250	70,095,251
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	63,284,740	64,519,955
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	76,881,057	76,881,057
Texas A&M Forest Service	478,868	478,868
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	17,761,317	17,761,317
Texas Division of Emergency Management	15,357,590	15,357,590
Subtotal, Agencies of Education	\$ 20,102,557,220	\$ 20,670,158,317

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE III  
AGENCIES OF EDUCATION  
(Other Funds)  
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Retirement and Group Insurance	15,574,161	17,675,667
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>12,418,055</u>	<u>12,809,155</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 27,992,216	\$ 30,484,822
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 145,285,478</u>	<u>\$ 153,928,652</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION	<u>\$ 19,985,263,958</u>	<u>\$ 20,546,714,487</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE III  
AGENCIES OF EDUCATION  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Texas Education Agency	\$ 46,966,743,428	\$ 46,151,068,916
Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation	56,955,386	60,210,355
School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	39,706,973	37,890,973
School for the Deaf	77,661,692	42,501,346
Teacher Retirement System	4,474,739,215	4,097,671,959
Optional Retirement Program	160,465,493	162,013,780
Higher Education Employees Group Insurance Contributions	887,880,298	958,868,771
Higher Education Coordinating Board	2,061,404,600	1,680,575,407
Higher Education Fund	393,750,000	393,750,000
The University of Texas System Administration	32,543,119	12,543,119
Available University Fund	1,757,268,321	1,849,582,742
Available Texas University Fund	183,318,993	183,318,993
Support for Military and Veterans Exemptions	118,200,417	118,200,417
The University of Texas at Arlington	231,710,908	231,710,908
The University of Texas at Austin	455,566,800	434,422,706
The University of Texas at Dallas	222,242,323	222,242,324
The University of Texas at El Paso	159,011,401	159,011,401
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	156,231,469	156,231,469
The University of Texas Permian Basin	43,412,002	43,412,002
The University of Texas at San Antonio	199,703,426	199,703,426
The University of Texas at Tyler	58,261,874	58,261,874
Stephen F. Austin State University	53,655,220	53,655,220
Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices	5,517,551	5,517,555
Texas A&M University	530,214,980	530,214,257
Texas A&M University at Galveston	32,011,385	32,011,631
Prairie View A&M University	76,055,670	74,155,645
Tarleton State University	83,193,134	83,191,151
Texas A&M University - Central Texas	26,559,877	26,558,684
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi	70,861,188	70,863,738
Texas A&M University - Kingsville	47,954,512	47,957,863
Texas A&M University - San Antonio	43,011,961	43,011,362
Texas A&M International University	50,196,650	50,199,055
West Texas A&M University	52,336,266	52,339,077
East Texas A&M University	58,216,207	58,216,366
Texas A&M University - Texarkana	30,188,414	30,182,128
University of Houston System Administration	59,848,018	59,848,018
University of Houston	244,747,437	244,747,437
University of Houston - Clear Lake	38,075,423	38,075,423
University of Houston - Downtown	46,373,786	46,373,786
University of Houston - Victoria	18,929,556	19,459,556
University of North Texas System Administration	5,917,594	5,918,511
University of North Texas	234,912,797	234,914,367
University of North Texas at Dallas	46,377,130	46,373,094
Texas Southern University	80,991,554	81,000,304
Texas Tech University System Administration	1,299,600	1,299,600
Texas Tech University	275,447,546	271,369,210
Angelo State University	49,287,317	49,425,067
Midwestern State University	32,732,717	32,739,841
Texas Woman's University System	265,526	265,526
Texas Woman's University	101,053,772	101,052,397
Texas State University System	2,279,600	2,279,600
Lamar University	92,230,362	92,230,862
Lamar Institute of Technology	31,846,919	31,846,913
Lamar State College - Orange	22,370,362	22,372,618
Lamar State College - Port Arthur	27,338,898	27,341,199
Sam Houston State University	113,932,448	108,575,428
Texas State University	198,236,942	198,177,161
Sul Ross State University	15,238,858	15,241,858
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	6,755,186	6,755,186
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	225,213,797	225,213,796
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston	306,508,200	306,508,200



**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE III**  
**AGENCIES OF EDUCATION**  
**(All Funds)**  
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The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	259,884,710	259,884,710
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	225,521,039	225,521,039
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine	51,253,675	51,253,674
The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	248,392,552	248,392,552
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler	70,109,509	70,109,508
The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School	36,140,212	36,140,212
Texas A&M University System Health Science Center	223,236,119	223,238,659
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth	136,714,462	135,739,057
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	182,651,779	181,238,489
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso	89,165,806	87,557,070
University of Houston College of Medicine	25,611,961	25,611,961
Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine	32,211,020	32,211,020
Public Community/Junior Colleges	1,241,825,019	1,231,825,017
Texas State Technical College System Administration	3,064,043	3,065,516
Texas State Technical College - Harlingen	38,752,927	38,980,765
Texas State Technical College - West Texas	24,180,778	24,275,571
Texas State Technical College - Marshall	14,083,895	14,128,716
Texas State Technical College - Waco	58,891,335	59,272,662
Texas State Technical College - Ft. Bend	12,658,628	12,709,451
Texas State Technical College - North Texas	9,227,061	9,246,339
Texas State Technical College - East Williamson County	7,746,489	7,760,731
Texas A&M AgriLife Research	103,672,083	103,672,083
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service	101,174,253	101,174,252
Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station	275,532,533	275,530,961
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	96,498,667	98,157,375
Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service	130,599,413	130,599,414
Texas A&M Forest Service	284,113,101	90,822,101
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory	30,576,003	30,574,502
Texas Division of Emergency Management	<u>1,735,384,869</u>	<u>447,336,660</u>
Subtotal, Agencies of Education	\$ 67,923,836,439	\$ 64,936,701,645
Retirement and Group Insurance	79,114,402	85,968,963
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>467,581,051</u>	<u>491,606,138</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 546,695,453	\$ 577,575,101
Bond Debt Service Payments	3,415,898	3,203,238
Lease Payments	<u>4,302,734</u>	<u>4,626,630</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 7,718,632	\$ 7,829,868
Special Provisions Relating to Compounds of Texas State Technical Coll, Contingency Appropriations	850,000,000	0
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 145,285,478</u>	<u>\$ 153,928,652</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE III - AGENCIES OF EDUCATION	<u><u>\$ 69,182,965,046</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 65,368,177,962</u></u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) - Appropriated Funds	68,306.7	68,380.7



ARTICLE IV

THE JUDICIARY

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the judiciary and other judicial service units of the state.

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 24,283,013	\$ 24,283,015
GR Dedicated - Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 0
Federal Funds	\$ 1,948,411	\$ 1,928,411
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 17,763,688	\$ 17,763,687
Appropriated Receipts	180,299	180,300
Interagency Contracts	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 20,443,987</u>	<u>\$ 20,443,987</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 56,675,411</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,655,413</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 98.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	86.0	86.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$170,500	\$170,500
Justice	(8) 168,000	(8) 168,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 6,051,398	\$ 6,051,400
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	<u>1,815,060</u>	<u>1,815,060</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 7,866,458	\$ 7,866,460
<b>B. Goal:</b> COURT PROGRAMS		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 45,134,392	\$ 35,134,392
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> MULTI-DISTRICT LITIGATION	115,000	115,000
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> CHILDREN'S COMMISSION	2,092,535	2,072,535
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HLTH	<u>1,467,026</u>	<u>1,467,026</u>
Judicial Commission on Mental Health.		
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> COURT PROGRAMS	<u>\$ 48,808,953</u>	<u>\$ 38,788,953</u>
<b>Grand Total, SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS</b>	<u><u>\$ 56,675,411</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 46,655,413</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,995,048	\$ 8,995,048
Other Personnel Costs	476,756	476,756
Professional Fees and Services	37,500	37,500
Consumable Supplies	47,500	47,500
Utilities	32,000	32,000
Travel	112,000	112,000

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<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 56,675,411</b>	<b>\$ 46,655,413</b>
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## Employee Benefits

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 2,249,080</b>	<b>\$ 2,281,325</b>
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- |   | 2026 | 2027 |
|---|------|------|
| <b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>                                      |      |      |
| <b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>  |      |      |
| Disposition Rate  | 100% | 100% |
| Average Number of Days since Filing of All Matters Pending in the Supreme Court | 200  | 200  |
| <b>B. Goal: COURT PROGRAMS</b>  |      |      |
| <b>B.1.1. Strategy: BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES</b>                              |      |      |
| <b>Output (Volume):</b>   |      |      |
| The Number of BCLS Grantees Provided State Funding                              | 25   | 25   |

(a) **Appropriation.** All unobligated and unexpended balances remaining in the Basic Civil Legal Services Account at the end of fiscal year 2025 (estimated to be \$0) and all fees deposited into the Account in Judicial Fund No. 573 are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, in fiscal year 2025. Any fees deposited and any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining in excess of \$17,144,000 each fiscal year (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Supreme Court of Texas for the same purpose.

The Supreme Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 29th and May 29th of each fiscal year showing disbursements from all funding sources for Basic Civil Legal Services, the purpose for each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.

- (b) **Services for Victims of Sexual Assault.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, from General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010 funds include \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 for basic civil legal services to victims of sexual assault that may only be used for the purposes established for the Supreme Court of Texas in Government Code, Section §420.008.
- (c) **Services for Veterans.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, include \$3,500,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing basic civil legal services to veterans and their families.

(a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Children's Commission, include Federal Funds from the State Court Improvement Program (CFDA 93.586) in the amount of \$1,948,411 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,928,411 in fiscal year 2027. Out of these funds, the Supreme Court of Texas is allocated an amount estimated to be \$1,311,415 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,311,415 in fiscal year 2027 to administer the grant. Additionally, the Supreme

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Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 29th of each fiscal year showing disbursements, the purpose of each disbursement, and compliance with grant conditions.

- (b) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Judicial Commission on Mental Health, include \$1,350,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year for the Judicial Commission on Mental Health. The Supreme Court of Texas shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 29th of each fiscal year showing the expenditures and disbursements of the Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

- 4. **Texas Young Lawyers License Plate Receipts.** For informational purposes, amounts appropriated above from Judicial Fund No. 573 in Strategy B.1.1, Basic Civil Legal Services, include an estimated \$11,000 each fiscal year from the sale of license plates under Transportation Code, Sec. 504.612. The appropriation authority governing these revenues is provided in Article IX, Sec. 8.13, Appropriation of Specialty License Plate Receipts.
- 5. **Supreme Court Support Fee.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, include an amount estimated to be \$200,000 in each fiscal year from the Supreme Court Support Account in the Judicial Fund No. 573. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from funds appropriated to the Supreme Court of Texas in Strategy A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, out of the Supreme Court Support Account in the Judicial Fund No. 573 as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Supreme Court of Texas for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 6. **Judicial Training Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.4, Judicial Commission on Mental Health, are \$250,000 each fiscal year for continuing a training program to educate and inform judges and their staff of mental health care resources available in Texas. The Supreme Court of Texas shall work with the Court of Criminal Appeals to develop the program with amounts appropriated for this purpose.

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 8,678,952	\$ 8,453,953
GR Dedicated - Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540, estimated	\$ 13,096,000	\$ 13,096,000
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 333,251	\$ 333,251
Appropriated Receipts	4,500	4,500
Interagency Contracts	30,000	30,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 367,751	\$ 367,751
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 22,142,703</u>	<u>\$ 21,917,704</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	72.0	72.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Presiding Judge	\$170,500	\$170,500
Judge	(8) 168,000	(8) 168,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 6,767,765	\$ 6,542,766

COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUDGE SALARIES Appellate Judge Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>1,841,438</u>	<u>1,841,438</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 8,609,203	\$ 8,384,204
<b>B. Goal:</b> JUDICIAL EDUCATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL EDUCATION	<u>\$ 13,533,500</u>	<u>\$ 13,533,500</u>
<b>Grand Total, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS</b>	<u><u>\$ 22,142,703</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,917,704</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,259,627	\$ 8,259,627
Other Personnel Costs	146,651	146,652
Professional Fees and Services	2,100	2,100
Consumable Supplies	13,400	13,400
Utilities	1,820	1,820
Travel	48,000	48,000
Rent - Building	8,200	8,200
Rent - Machine and Other	10,000	10,000
Other Operating Expense	486,444	261,444
Grants	<u>13,166,461</u>	<u>13,166,461</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 22,142,703</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,917,704</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 589,315	\$ 594,761
Group Insurance	807,842	827,976
Social Security	577,596	582,939
Benefits Replacement	<u>4,751</u>	<u>3,863</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,979,504</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,009,539</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Court of Criminal Appeals. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Court of Criminal Appeals. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Court of Criminal Appeals shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Disposition Rate for Petitions for Discretionary Review Which Are Granted	100%	100%
Disposition Rate for Death Penalty Cases	100%	100%
Average Time (in Days) from the Time Petitions for Discretionary Review Are Granted until Disposition	472	472
Average Time from Time Filed to Disposition in Death Penalty Cases	700	700
<b>B. Goal:</b> JUDICIAL EDUCATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL EDUCATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Participants Trained in Judicial Education Courses	31,740	31,740

2. **Judicial Education.**

(a) **Administrative Allocation.**

- (1) Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, include a 3 percent administrative allocation estimated to be \$455,340 in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 out of General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540. All unobligated and unexpended balances in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 that are

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remaining from funds appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, and allocated for administrative purposes as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose as of September 1, 2026.

In addition to these amounts, \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, are allocated for administrative or training purposes or other purposes at the discretion of the Court of Criminal Appeals which further the objectives of Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education.

All unobligated and unexpended balances of funds appropriated to Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, and allocated for administrative purposes at the end of fiscal year 2025 are appropriated to Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, in fiscal year 2026 (not to exceed \$200,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540, and included in amounts appropriated above).

- (2) For the purposes of this rider, the term administration shall include administrative oversight functions, accounting and auditing functions, management studies, performance audits, and other studies initiated by the Court of Criminal Appeals or any other agency of the Judicial Branch, as directed by the order of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(b) **Appropriations for Certain Types of Legal Education and Training.**

- (1) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, from General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540, the following amounts are for the following purposes:
  - (A) **Judges of County Courts.** \$790,557 each fiscal year shall be expended for no other purpose than for the continuing legal education of judges of county courts performing judicial functions.
  - (B) **Prosecutors and Staff.** An amount estimated to be \$2,457,599 each fiscal year shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with a statewide professional association of prosecuting attorneys and other entities to provide continuing legal education courses, programs, and technical assistance projects for prosecutors and prosecutor office personnel.
  - (C) **Criminal Defense Attorneys and Staff.** An amount estimated to be \$2,388,854 each fiscal year shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with a statewide professional association of criminal defense attorneys and other entities to provide continuing legal education courses, programs, and technical assistance projects for criminal defense attorneys and criminal defense attorney office personnel who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters.
  - (D) **Clerks and Court Personnel.** A minimum of \$1,081,731 each fiscal year shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with training entities providing for the training and continuing legal education of the clerks and other court personnel of the appellate courts, district courts, county courts at law, county courts, justice courts, and municipal courts of this State in accordance with Government Code, Section 74.025.
  - (E) **Innocence Education.** An amount estimated to be \$584,155 each fiscal year shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with statewide professional associations and other entities whose purposes include providing continuing legal education courses, programs, and technical assistance projects on actual innocence for criminal defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, judges, bailiffs, constables, warrant officers, or other persons as provided by statute.
  - (F) **Public Defenders.** An amount estimated to be \$69,703 each fiscal year shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with statewide professional associations and other entities whose purposes include providing continuing legal education, courses, and programs for public defenders.

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- (G) **Indigent Defendants and Mental Health.** An amount estimated to be \$332,512 for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with statewide professional associations and other entities whose purposes include providing judicial education services and providing training on indigent defendants and mental health.
- (H) **Indigent Disposition Process and Judge Mentor Program.** An amount estimated to be \$524,230 for the 2026-27 biennium shall be used for no other purpose than to contract with statewide professional associations and other entities whose purposes include providing judicial education services and direct training costs for clinics for judges and court personnel regarding bail, fines, fees, requests for community service, jail commitments, and jail credit in cases involving indigents, and for development of a mentor program for new municipal court judges and webinars on legislative reform, bail, indigence, compliance, collections improvement programs, alternative sentencing, case flow management, and jail commitments.
- (2) Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, from the General Revenue Fund, the following amounts are for the following purposes:
  - (A) **Mental Health.** The Court of Criminal Appeals shall use \$187,500 appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year for no other purpose than to contract with statewide professional associations and other entities whose purposes include providing continuing legal education, courses, and programs for judges and court staff, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal defense attorneys on mental health issues and pre-trial diversion. Judicial education shall include information for judges and staff on mental health care resources available in the court's geographic region.
  - (B) **Judicial Training.** Included in amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, are \$250,000 each fiscal year for continuing a training program to educate and inform judges and their staff of mental health care resources available in Texas. The Court of Criminal Appeals shall work with the Supreme Court of Texas to develop the program with amounts appropriated for this purpose.
- (3) **Grant Funding Procedures.** The Court of Criminal Appeals shall maintain procedures to require training entities to either refund all unexpended and unencumbered state grant funds or retain and use those funds for training purposes subject to the approval of the Court of Criminal Appeals each fiscal year. All refunds received by the Court of Criminal Appeals from grants made to training entities (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, each fiscal year for the same purposes.
- (4) **Judicial and Court Personnel Training Report.** The Court of Criminal Appeals shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on November 29th and May 29th each fiscal year showing the allocation of grants and expenditures from General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540, the amount and allocation of unexpended prior year grant funds held by training entities, and the results of grant audits.
- (c) **Reimbursement for Travel Expenses.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, for the purposes established in Government Code, Section 56.003(b), may be granted only pursuant to a grant contract which provides for the reimbursement of expenses of judges pursuant to Government Code, Section 74.062. This rider shall not apply to funds granted for the purpose of providing continuing legal education for judges of county courts performing judicial functions.
- (d) **Alternatives to Inpatient Mental Health Treatment for Forensic Cases.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Judicial Education, may be used to educate judges, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal defense attorneys on alternatives to inpatient mental health treatment that may be appropriate for certain individuals under forensic commitment, including individuals charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense that involved dangerous conduct because a judge or jury has determined them to be not guilty by reason of insanity, but who are ordered by a court to receive mental health treatment. Alternatives to inpatient



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mental health treatment for individuals under forensic commitment may include outpatient competency restoration, jail-based competency restoration, residential rehabilitation units, and conditional release. The Court of Criminal Appeals may use appropriations to take steps to make judges, prosecuting attorneys, and criminal defense attorneys involved with forensic commitment cases aware of these educational opportunities.

FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,545,049	\$ 5,545,049
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 273,350	\$ 273,350
Appropriated Receipts	8,700	8,700
Interagency Contracts	<u>46,000</u>	<u>46,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 328,050</u>	<u>\$ 328,050</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 93.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	44.0	44.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(8) 154,000	(8) 154,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 4,346,271	\$ 4,346,271
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	<u>1,526,828</u>	<u>1,526,828</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 5,873,099</u>	<u>\$ 5,873,099</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,142,119	\$ 5,142,119
Other Personnel Costs	240,000	240,000
Professional Fees and Services	250,000	250,000
Consumable Supplies	1,500	1,500
Utilities	3,400	3,400
Travel	500	500
Rent - Building	39,960	39,960
Rent - Machine and Other	500	500
Other Operating Expense	<u>195,120</u>	<u>195,120</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,873,099</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 306,989	\$ 309,844
Group Insurance	506,233	519,512
Social Security	383,440	387,006

FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON  
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Benefits Replacement	679	552
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	\$ 1,197,341	\$ 1,216,914

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the First Court of Appeals District, Houston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the First Court of Appeals District, Houston. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the First Court of Appeals District, Houston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, FORT WORTH

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,475,898	\$ 4,475,898
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 213,050	\$ 213,050
Appropriated Receipts	7,000	7,000
Interagency Contracts	54,000	54,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 274,050	\$ 274,050
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 90.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	36.0	36.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(6) 154,000	(6) 154,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 3,483,968	\$ 3,483,968
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	1,265,980	1,265,980
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>
<b>Grand Total, SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, FORT WORTH</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,363,497	\$ 4,363,497
Other Personnel Costs	101,423	99,185
Professional Fees and Services	500	500
Consumable Supplies	15,000	15,000
Utilities	1,500	1,500
Travel	43,000	43,000
Rent - Machine and Other	1,200	1,200

**SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, FORT WORTH**  
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Other Operating Expense	223,828	226,066
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>	<b>\$ 4,749,948</b>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 286,054	\$ 288,715
Group Insurance	439,938	450,952
Social Security	325,828	328,858
Benefits Replacement	679	552
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,499</b>	<b>\$ 1,069,077</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

**THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,830,191	\$ 3,830,191
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 182,900	\$ 182,900
Appropriated Receipts	11,000	11,000
Interagency Contracts	36,000	36,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 229,900	\$ 229,900
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 91.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	32.0	32.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(5) 154,000	(5) 154,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 2,996,313	\$ 2,996,313
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	1,063,778	1,063,778
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>
<b>Grand Total, THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>	<b>\$ 4,060,091</b>

THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN  
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,928,882	\$ 3,928,882
Other Personnel Costs	123,676	123,676
Consumable Supplies	153	153
Rent - Building	1,080	1,080
Other Operating Expense	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,300</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,060,091</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,060,091</u></u>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 253,505	\$ 255,863
Group Insurance	465,022	478,063
Social Security	287,487	290,160
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act**

\$ 1,006,693    \$ 1,024,638

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Third Court of Appeals District, Austin. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Third Court of Appeals District, Austin. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Third Court of Appeals District, Austin shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,799,048	\$ 4,769,874
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 213,050	\$ 213,050
Appropriated Receipts	11,000	11,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>42,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u><u>\$ 266,050</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 266,050</u></u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,065,098</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,035,924</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 91.9%  
of this agency's estimated total available  
funds for the biennium.**

**Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):** 36.0 36.0

**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(6) 154,000	(6) 154,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS**

**A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS** \$ 3,767,012 \$ 3,737,838

**FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO**  
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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>1,298,086</u>	<u>1,298,086</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 5,065,098</u>	<u>\$ 5,035,924</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO	<u><u>\$ 5,065,098</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,035,924</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 4,513,735	\$ 4,513,735
Other Personnel Costs	337,948	335,208
Consumable Supplies	6,174	6,174
Utilities	1,840	1,840
Travel	6,000	6,000
Rent - Building	21,800	22,672
Rent - Machine and Other	2,000	2,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>175,601</u>	<u>148,295</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 5,065,098</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,035,924</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 293,207	\$ 453,100
Group Insurance	465,695	665,046
Social Security	344,906	474,674
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,104,487</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,593,372</u></u>

- 1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

**FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, DALLAS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 7,768,719	\$ 7,995,672
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 393,950	\$ 393,950
Appropriated Receipts	32,000	32,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 490,950</u>	<u>\$ 490,950</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 8,259,669</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,486,622</u></u>

FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, DALLAS  
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 96% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE): 57.5 57.5

Schedule of Exempt Positions:

Chief Justice \$156,500 \$156,500  
Justice (12) 154,000 (12) 154,000

Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS  
A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS \$ 6,060,449 \$ 6,287,402  
A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES 2,199,220 2,199,220  
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.

Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS \$ 8,259,669 \$ 8,486,622

Grand Total, FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, DALLAS \$ 8,259,669 \$ 8,486,622

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages \$ 7,494,664 \$ 7,721,617  
Other Personnel Costs 291,711 291,711  
Consumable Supplies 22,500 22,500  
Utilities 50,000 50,000  
Travel 30,000 30,000  
Rent - Building 60,000 60,000  
Rent - Machine and Other 25,000 25,000  
Other Operating Expense 285,794 285,794

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing \$ 8,259,669 \$ 8,486,622

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits  
Retirement \$ 455,693 \$ 459,931  
Group Insurance 835,480 858,960  
Social Security 550,144 555,260  
Benefits Replacement 3,393 2,759

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act \$ 1,844,710 \$ 1,876,910

1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Clearance Rate	99%	99%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	99%	99%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	99%	99%

SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TEXARKANA

For the Years Ending  
August 31, August 31,  
2026 2027

Method of Financing:  
General Revenue Fund \$ 1,935,450 \$ 1,980,526

SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TEXARKANA  
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Other Funds

Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 92,450	\$ 92,450
Appropriated Receipts	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>94,450</u>	\$ <u>94,450</u>
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<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,029,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,976</u>
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 96.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	15.0	15.0
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(2) 154,000	(2) 154,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS**

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 1,534,714	\$ 1,534,714
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<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	<u>495,186</u>	<u>540,262</u>
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Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.

<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 2,029,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,976</u>
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<b>Grand Total, SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TEXARKANA</b>	<u>\$ 2,029,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,976</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,837,583	\$ 1,882,213
Other Personnel Costs	67,040	64,840
Travel	22,000	23,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>103,277</u>	<u>104,923</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,029,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,074,976</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 119,555	\$ 120,667
Group Insurance	224,513	230,795
Social Security	138,387	139,674
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 483,134</u>	<u>\$ 491,688</u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

SEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AMARILLO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,536,754	\$ 2,536,755
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 122,600	\$ 122,600
Appropriated Receipts	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 128,600</u>	<u>\$ 128,600</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,665,354</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,665,355</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 91.2% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	18.0	18.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(3) 154,000	(3) 154,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 1,928,210	\$ 1,928,211
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	<u>737,144</u>	<u>737,144</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 2,665,354</u>	<u>\$ 2,665,355</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AMARILLO	<u><u>\$ 2,665,354</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,665,355</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,375,626	\$ 2,375,626
Other Personnel Costs	89,653	90,413
Professional Fees and Services	1,600	1,600
Consumable Supplies	7,000	7,000
Utilities	660	600
Travel	64,741	58,617
Other Operating Expense	<u>126,074</u>	<u>131,499</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,665,354</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,665,355</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 139,940	\$ 141,241
Group Insurance	276,294	284,103
Social Security	163,884	165,408
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 580,797</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 591,304</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%



**SEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AMARILLO**  
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Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

**EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EL PASO**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,065,721	\$ 2,065,720
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 92,450	\$ 92,450
Appropriated Receipts	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 98,450</u>	<u>\$ 98,450</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,170</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 94.4% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	19.0	19.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(2) 154,000	(2) 154,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 1,647,859	\$ 1,647,858
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	<u>516,312</u>	<u>516,312</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u><u>\$ 2,164,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,170</u></u>
<b>Grand Total, EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EL PASO</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,170</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,973,581	\$ 1,973,581
Other Personnel Costs	78,098	70,483
Consumable Supplies	6,000	6,500
Utilities	2,000	2,100
Travel	11,000	13,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>93,492</u>	<u>98,506</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,171</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,164,170</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 116,686	\$ 300,922
Group Insurance	288,868	514,877
Social Security	<u>143,388</u>	<u>292,207</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 548,942</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,108,006</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EL PASO  
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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, BEAUMONT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,657,024	\$ 2,657,024
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 122,600	\$ 122,600
Appropriated Receipts	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>130,600</u>	\$ <u>130,600</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 98.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	20.0	20.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(3) 154,000	(3) 154,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 2,070,161	\$ 2,070,161
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	<u>717,463</u>	<u>717,463</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>
<b>Grand Total, NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, BEAUMONT</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,787,624</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,787,624</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,433,820	\$ 2,432,226
Other Personnel Costs	264,604	266,144
Consumable Supplies	10,000	10,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>79,200</u>	<u>79,254</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>	<u>\$ 2,787,624</u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 141,554	\$ 142,859
Group Insurance	268,241	275,530
Social Security	174,439	176,052
Benefits Replacement	<u>1,358</u>	<u>1,104</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 585,592</u>	<u>\$ 595,545</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont. In order to

NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, BEAUMONT  
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achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

TENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, WACO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,025,088	\$ 2,025,089
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 92,450	\$ 92,450
Appropriated Receipts	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 97,450</u>	<u>\$ 97,450</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,539</u></u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 87.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	17.0	17.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(2) 154,000	(2) 154,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 1,531,694	\$ 1,531,695
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	<u>590,844</u>	<u>590,844</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,539</u></u>
<b>Grand Total, TENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, WACO</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,539</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,814,894	\$ 1,814,895
Other Personnel Costs	193,444	193,444
Professional Fees and Services	1,000	1,000
Consumable Supplies	8,000	8,000
Utilities	3,000	3,000
Travel	20,000	20,000
Rent - Machine and Other	2,000	2,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>80,200</u>	<u>80,200</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,538</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,122,539</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 87,908	\$ 88,725
Group Insurance	209,918	216,238

TENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, WACO  
(Continued)

Social Security	<u>127,880</u>	<u>129,069</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 425,706</u>	<u>\$ 434,032</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EASTLAND

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,997,857	\$ 1,997,857
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 92,450	\$ 92,450
Appropriated Receipts	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 96,450</u>	<u>\$ 96,450</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 95% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	17.5	17.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(2) 154,000	(2) 154,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 1,549,843	\$ 1,549,843
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	<u>544,464</u>	<u>544,464</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>
<b>Grand Total, ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EASTLAND</b>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,862,958	\$ 1,862,958
Other Personnel Costs	108,598	108,598
Consumable Supplies	4,485	4,485
Utilities	6,000	6,000
Travel	6,000	6,000
Rent - Machine and Other	1,000	1,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>105,266</u>	<u>105,266</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,094,307</u>

ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EASTLAND  
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 114,793	\$ 115,860
Group Insurance	284,932	293,826
Social Security	<u>136,339</u>	<u>137,607</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>536,064</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>547,293</u></b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TYLER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,019,703	\$ 2,019,703
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 92,450	\$ 92,450
Appropriated Receipts	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 96,450</u>	<u>\$ 96,450</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 94.7% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	14.0	14.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Justice	\$187,800	\$187,800
Justice	(2) 184,800	(2) 184,800

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 1,534,703	\$ 1,534,703
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES</b>	<u>581,450</u>	<u>581,450</u>
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>
<b>Grand Total, TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TYLER</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,017,832	\$ 2,017,832
Other Personnel Costs	45,998	45,998
Consumable Supplies	5,000	5,000

TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TYLER  
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Utilities	4,500	4,500
Travel	1,500	1,500
Rent - Machine and Other	4,544	4,544
Other Operating Expense	<u>36,779</u>	<u>36,779</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,116,153</u></b>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 115,937	\$ 117,015
Group Insurance	204,355	209,549
Social Security	<u>137,658</u>	<u>138,938</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee  
Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made  
Elsewhere in this Act**

<b>\$ <u>457,950</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>465,502</u></b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

THIRTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, CORPUS CHRISTI-EDINBURG

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,844,524	\$ 3,844,523
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 182,900	\$ 182,900
Appropriated Receipts	10,594	10,594
Interagency Contracts	<u>36,000</u>	<u>36,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 229,494</u>	<u>\$ 229,494</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ <u>4,074,018</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>4,074,017</u></b>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 98.8%  
of this agency's estimated total available  
funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	32.0	32.0
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(5) 154,000	(5) 154,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS**

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 2,972,972</b>	<b>\$ 2,972,971</b>
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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>1,101,046</u>	<u>1,101,046</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 4,074,018</u>	<u>\$ 4,074,017</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> THIRTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, CORPUS CHRISTI-EDINBURG	<u><u>\$ 4,074,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,074,017</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,699,771	\$ 3,699,770
Other Personnel Costs	244,790	244,790
Consumable Supplies	4,000	4,000
Utilities	4,000	4,000
Travel	20,000	20,000
Rent - Machine and Other	801	801
Other Operating Expense	<u>100,656</u>	<u>100,656</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,074,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,074,017</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 226,621	\$ 228,729
Group Insurance	409,166	420,473
Social Security	<u>270,117</u>	<u>272,629</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 905,904</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 921,831</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

**FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,660,604	\$ 5,682,625
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 273,350	\$ 273,350
Appropriated Receipts	11,539	11,539
Interagency Contracts	<u>167,004</u>	<u>167,004</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 451,893</u>	<u>\$ 451,893</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 6,112,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,134,518</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 93.8%  
of this agency's estimated total available  
funds for the biennium.**

FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON  
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Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	44.0	44.0
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Chief Justice	\$156,500	\$156,500
Justice	(8) 154,000	(8) 154,000

Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
A.1.1. Strategy: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 4,495,048	\$ 4,495,048
A.1.2. Strategy: APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	1,617,449	1,639,470
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
Total, Goal A: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 6,112,497	\$ 6,134,518
Grand Total, FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON	\$ 6,112,497	\$ 6,134,518

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 5,524,014	\$ 5,546,035
Other Personnel Costs	284,368	284,368
Professional Fees and Services	1,500	1,500
Consumable Supplies	1,500	1,500
Utilities	3,500	3,500
Travel	500	500
Rent - Building	39,960	39,960
Rent - Machine and Other	500	500
Other Operating Expense	256,655	256,655
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 6,112,497	\$ 6,134,518

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 351,774	\$ 355,035
Group Insurance	516,397	529,223
Social Security	418,525	422,409
Benefits Replacement	1,358	1,104
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 1,288,054	\$ 1,307,771

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,697,236	\$ 2,668,792
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 3,697,236	\$ 2,668,792



FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN  
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE): 19.0 19.0

Schedule of Exempt Positions:

Chief Justice \$165,500 \$165,500  
Justice (3) 163,000 (5) 163,000

Items of Appropriation:

<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS			
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 3,225,768	\$ 2,197,324	
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	<u>471,468</u>	<u>471,468</u>	
Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated And Nontransferable.			
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 3,697,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,668,792</u>	
<b>Grand Total,</b> FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN	<u>\$ 3,697,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,668,792</u>	

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,104,112	\$ 2,104,112
Other Personnel Costs	15,840	19,920
Utilities	350	0
Rent - Machine and Other	2,000	2,000
Other Operating Expense	734,934	542,760
Capital Expenditures	<u>840,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 3,697,236</u>	<u>\$ 2,668,792</u>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>			
Retirement	\$ 192,404	\$ 192,404	
Group Insurance	228,252	228,252	
Social Security	<u>154,936</u>	<u>154,936</u>	
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 575,592</u>	<u>\$ 575,592</u>	

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100%	100%
Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than Two Years	100%	100%

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose to the provisions of Government Code Section 1232.103.

FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN  
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	2026	2027
a. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Courtroom Buildout	\$ 840,000	\$ 0
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 840,000	\$ 0
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 840,000	\$ 0
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 840,000	\$ 0

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 111,274,989	\$ 75,305,778
General Revenue Fund - Dedicated		
Fair Defense Account No. 5073	\$ 32,523,139	\$ 32,523,139
Statewide Electronic Filing System Account No 5157	51,535,063	52,273,440
Texas Forensic Science Commission Account No. 5173	164,000	164,000
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 84,222,202	\$ 84,960,579
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 115,939	\$ 143,447
Interagency Contracts	7,371,809	7,420,623
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 7,487,748	\$ 7,564,070
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 202,984,939	\$ 167,830,427
Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 155,180	\$ 157,968

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE): 376.7 376.7

Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Administrative Director, Group 7	\$240,062	\$240,062
Associate Judge	(73) 126,000	(73) 126,000

Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: PROCESSES AND INFORMATION		
Improve Processes and Report Information.		
A.1.1. Strategy: COURT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 12,942,102	\$ 9,787,015
A.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	62,431,378	59,977,802
A.1.3. Strategy: TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION	1,163,087	909,737
Total, Goal A: PROCESSES AND INFORMATION	\$ 76,536,567	\$ 70,674,554
B. Goal: ADMINISTER CHILDREN'S COURTS		
Complete Children's Court Program Cases.		
B.1.1. Strategy: CHILD SUPPORT COURTS PROGRAM	\$ 3,455,585	\$ 3,287,691
B.1.2. Strategy: CHILD PROTECTION COURTS PROGRAM	2,902,823	2,869,823
B.1.3. Strategy: CSC ASSOCIATE JUDGE SALARIES	6,351,794	6,351,794
Child Support Ct Assoc Judge Salaries.		
Estimated And Nontransferable.		

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<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> CPC ASSOCIATE JUDGE SALARIES Child Protect Ct Assoc Judge Salaries. Estimated And Nontransferable.	<u>4,847,639</u>	<u>4,847,639</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> ADMINISTER CHILDREN'S COURTS	\$ 17,557,841	\$ 17,356,947
<b>C. Goal:</b> CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMM Judicial Branch Certification Commission.	\$ 701,975	\$ 701,975
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIGENT DEFENSE Improve Indigent Defense Practices and Procedures.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> TX INDIGENT DEFENSE COMM Improve Indigent Defense Practices and Procedures.	\$ 101,743,417	\$ 71,970,961
<b>E. Goal:</b> ADMINISTER BUSINESS COURT		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> ADMINISTER BUSINESS COURT Administer Business Court, Non-Transferable.	\$ <u>6,445,139</u>	\$ <u>7,125,990</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL	<u>\$ 202,984,939</u>	<u>\$ 167,830,427</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 34,891,374	\$ 34,446,647
Other Personnel Costs	1,006,161	704,641
Professional Fees and Services	851,917	1,541,268
Consumable Supplies	116,335	116,335
Utilities	214,000	210,100
Travel	725,103	725,103
Rent - Building	74,936	61,434
Rent - Machine and Other	29,962	29,962
Other Operating Expense	67,340,200	61,667,939
Grants	97,734,951	67,962,495
Capital Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>364,503</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 202,984,939</u>	<u>\$ 167,830,427</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,715,349	\$ 2,847,707
Group Insurance	3,468,090	3,671,006
Social Security	2,230,397	2,337,389
Benefits Replacement	<u>10,181</u>	<u>8,277</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 8,424,017</u>	<u>\$ 8,864,379</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROCESSES AND INFORMATION		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> COURT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Monthly Court Activity Reports Processed	121,000	121,000
<b>B. Goal:</b> ADMINISTER CHILDREN'S COURTS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Child Support Courts Case Disposition Rate	100%	100%
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> CHILD PROTECTION COURTS PROGRAM		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Children Who Have Received a Final Order	5,854	6,146

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<b>C. Goal: CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations	99.7%	99.7%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: JUDICIAL BRANCH CERTIFICATION COMM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued	1,265	1,265
Number of Licenses Renewed	2,524	2,524
<b>D. Goal: INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: TX INDIGENT DEFENSE COMM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Site Visits, Trainings, and Reports Issued	100	100
Percentage of Counties Receiving State Funds for Indigent Defense	98%	98%

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Acquisition of Computer Hardware and Software	\$ 537,152	\$ 418,928
(2) Computer Equipment for the IV-D courts	261,825	88,726
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 798,977	\$ 507,654
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 798,977	\$ 507,654
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 798,977	\$ 507,654
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 798,977	\$ 507,654

**3. Information Services and Technology Equipment.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, the Office of Court Administration shall provide:

- (a) information services for the Trial Courts; and
- (b) staff and information technology equipment and services for the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, the appellate courts, State Law Library, Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney, State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs.

**4. Reporting Requirements.**

- (a) **District Court Performance Measures.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of Court Administration shall report data for the district courts on a countywide basis. The data shall measure countywide clearance rates for criminal, civil, and juvenile cases and measure the age of cases disposed and the backlog index for criminal and civil cases. Further, the Office of Court Administration shall revise its reporting system for the trial courts as necessary to simplify reporting, improve data collection and compliance, and streamline its annual report of the Texas judicial system.
- (b) **Appellate Court Performance Data.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Office of Court Administration shall continue to study whether the statistical data currently reported for appellate court performance measures is presented in a clear, understandable format and determine what, if any, additional data should be collected. Performance measures for the appellate courts shall be used for caseload management by each court in accordance with uniform data reporting standards approved by the courts of appeals.

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**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 2026 and \$2,474,370 in fiscal year 2027 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, 2026, 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, 2026, are appropriated to Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (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) **Parental Representation.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, TIDC shall make grants to counties in accordance with all uses authorized by Government Code, Chapter 79.037, for Family Protective Services and shall prioritize funding grants to counties that include pre-petition legal representation or early appointment of counsel to a parent during a Department of Family and Protective Services investigation of a parent.
- (h) **Far West Texas Regional Public Defender Sustainability Grants.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated in fiscal year 2026 to establish and operate on an ongoing basis a regional public defender office to serve Terrell and Val Verde Counties.

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- 6. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Judicial Branch Certification Commission pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 152 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of the appropriations made above in Strategy C.1.1, Judicial Branch Certification Commission, as well as the amount identified above in the informational item "Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act". "Other direct and indirect costs" for the Judicial Branch Certification Commission are estimated to be \$155,180 in fiscal year 2026 and \$157,968 in fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 7. Mileage Reimbursement for Children's Courts and Business Court Staff.** Children's court and business court staff who travel regularly to hear case dockets may be reimbursed for mileage at the state-approved rate when they travel for official state business in a personal vehicle. These staff are also exempt from the requirement to complete a comparison worksheet showing that mileage reimbursement for travel in a personal vehicle is more cost-effective than the use of a rental car.
- 8. Forensic Science Commission Operating Account.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Forensic Science Commission, include an estimated \$164,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$164,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue-Dedicated Forensic Science Commission Operating Account No. 5173. In addition, all balances and revenues deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Forensic Science Commission Operating Account No. 5173 are appropriated to the Office of Court Administration in Strategy A.1.3, Texas Forensic Science Commission, each year for the administration and operation of the Forensic Science Commission.
- 9. Statewide eFiling System Account Estimated Appropriation.**
- (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, include \$51,535,063 in fiscal year 2026 and \$52,273,440 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Electronic Filing System Account No. 5157 funding. In addition to the amounts appropriated above, all balances and amounts deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Electronic Filing System Account No. 5157 (estimated to be \$0 in each fiscal year) are appropriated to the Office of Court Administration in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology.
  - (b) Office of Court Administration shall prioritize expenditures from the General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Electronic Filing System Account No. 5157 for vendor contract payments to support the maintenance of the statewide electronic filing system.
- 10. Indigent Defense with Mental Illness Pilot Project.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, the Texas Indigent Defense Commission shall provide funding for a pilot project for the early identification and specialized representation of indigent defendants with mental illness. The Commission shall provide grants to counties to expand the capacity of existing mental health defender programs and to establish mental health defender programs in counties currently without these programs. It is the intent of the legislature that for the pilot project the Commission shall provide grants to geographically diverse counties each with a population of more than 800,000 at the time of the 2010 decennial United States census.
- 11. Lump Sum Annual Leave Payout.** Amounts appropriated above from the General Revenue Fund include \$267,000 in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Courts Program, and \$33,000 in Strategy B.1.2, Child Protection Courts Program, that may only be used during the biennium to pay for retirement payouts due at the time of agency employees' retirement. Any part of the appropriation made for retirement payouts due at the time of agency employees' retirement that are not necessary for that purpose shall be lapsed by the agency at the end of the biennium.

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**12. Costs for Court Text Reminder Program.** Amounts appropriated above to the Office of Court Administration from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, include \$2,200,000 in fiscal year 2026 for maintaining the court text reminder program established by House Bill 4293, Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL AND FORENSIC WRITS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,216,547	\$ 4,182,348
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 4,216,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,182,348</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	33.5	33.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$185,000	\$185,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> POST-CONVICTION REPRESENTATION		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> CAPITAL REPRESENTATION	\$ 3,803,560	\$ 3,770,351
Post-Conviction Capital Representation.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> NON-CAPITAL REPRESENTATION	<u>412,987</u>	<u>411,997</u>
Post-Conviction Non-capital Representation.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> POST-CONVICTION REPRESENTATION	<u>\$ 4,216,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,182,348</u>
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF CAPITAL AND FORENSIC WRITS</b>	<u>\$ 4,216,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,182,348</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,626,382	\$ 3,626,382
Other Personnel Costs	15,076	15,076
Professional Fees and Services	120,000	120,000
Consumable Supplies	2,400	2,400
Utilities	1,263	1,263
Travel	250,783	250,783
Rent - Building	5,000	5,000
Rent - Machine and Other	4,740	4,740
Other Operating Expense	<u>190,903</u>	<u>156,704</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 4,216,547</u>	<u>\$ 4,182,348</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 239,487	\$ 241,714
Group Insurance	154,676	156,339
Social Security	<u>195,800</u>	<u>197,621</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 589,963</u>	<u>\$ 595,674</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

OFFICE OF CAPITAL AND FORENSIC WRITS  
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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: POST-CONVICTION REPRESENTATION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Capital Writs Filed on a Timely Basis	100%	100%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CAPITAL REPRESENTATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Number of New Capital Cases Accepted	6	6
The Number of Capital Cases Refused	0	0
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: NON-CAPITAL REPRESENTATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Non-capital Cases Accepted	4	4
The Number of Non-capital Cases Refused	1	1
The Number of Non-capital Cases Reviewed	4	4

OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 654,316	\$ 651,197
Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 22,500</u>	<u>\$ 22,500</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 676,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,697</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	4.0	4.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
State Prosecuting Attorney	\$154,000	\$154,000

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: REPRESENTATION BEFORE CCA</b>		
Representation of the State before the Court of Criminal Appeals.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: REPRESENTATION BEFORE CCA</b>	\$ 503,596	\$ 500,297
Representation of the State before the Court of Criminal Appeals.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: STATE PROSECUTOR SALARY</b>	<u>173,220</u>	<u>173,400</u>
State Prosecutor Salary. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: REPRESENTATION BEFORE CCA</b>	<u><u>\$ 676,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,697</u></u>
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b>	<u><u>\$ 676,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,697</u></u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 613,970	\$ 613,970
Other Personnel Costs	5,840	6,740
Professional Fees and Services	650	650
Consumable Supplies	1,190	1,190
Travel	3,570	3,570
Rent - Machine and Other	1,060	1,060
Other Operating Expense	<u>50,536</u>	<u>46,517</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 676,816</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 673,697</u></u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 43,769	\$ 44,176
Group Insurance	61,637	63,287



OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
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Social Security	<u>33,819</u>	<u>34,134</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>139,225</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>141,597</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: REPRESENTATION BEFORE CCA</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Petitions for Discretionary Review Granted by the Court of Criminal Appeals	17	17
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: REPRESENTATION BEFORE CCA</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Briefs Filed in the Court of Criminal Appeals, Supreme Court of Texas, and Courts of Appeals by the Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	20	20

STATE LAW LIBRARY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,478,015	\$ 1,428,016
Appropriated Receipts	<u>\$ 7,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,485,015</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,435,016</u></b>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	13.0	13.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Director, Group 2	\$121,360	\$121,360

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,485,015</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,435,016</u></b>
<b>Grand Total, STATE LAW LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,485,015</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,435,016</u></b>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 837,748	\$ 837,748
Other Personnel Costs	15,670	17,150
Professional Fees and Services	23,570	23,700
Consumable Supplies	3,000	3,000
Travel	1,500	1,500
Rent - Building	240	240
Rent - Machine and Other	3,500	3,500
Other Operating Expense	329,387	289,518
Capital Expenditures	<u>270,400</u>	<u>258,660</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,485,015</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,435,016</u></b>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 67,771	\$ 68,401
Group Insurance	124,195	127,578

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Social Security	<u>55,723</u>	<u>56,241</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>247,689</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>252,220</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the State Law Library. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Law Library. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the State Law Library shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Positive Evaluations of Library Service by Library Users	92%	92%

**2. Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges.** Out of funds appropriated above to the State Law Library from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy A.1.1, Administration and Operations, \$7,000 each fiscal year is from collected fees and service charges authorized pursuant to Government Code, Section 91.011. All receipts collected as fees and service charges in excess of the amounts appropriated above are appropriated to the State Law Library for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ <u>2,147,398</u>	\$ <u>2,144,635</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,147,398</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,144,635</u></b>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	18.0	18.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$173,535	\$173,535

<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,147,398</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,144,635</u></b>
<b>Grand Total, STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,147,398</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,144,635</u></b>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,773,725	\$ 1,773,726
Other Personnel Costs	24,949	24,949
Professional Fees and Services	90,000	90,000
Consumable Supplies	3,000	3,000
Utilities	1,320	1,320
Travel	83,900	83,900
Rent - Building	3,620	3,620
Rent - Machine and Other	2,000	2,000
Other Operating Expense	<u>164,884</u>	<u>162,120</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,147,398</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>2,144,635</u></b>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 121,038	\$ 121,884

STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT  
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Group Insurance	173,561	178,578
Social Security	<u>99,268</u>	<u>99,966</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><b>\$ 393,867</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 400,428</b></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Cases Disposed	95%	95%

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 132,048,618	\$ 132,046,306
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Assistant Prosecutor Supplement Fund No. 303	\$ 3,270,210	\$ 3,270,210
Jury Service Fund	13,751,000	13,751,000
Interagency Contracts - Criminal Justice Grants	1,520,542	1,520,542
Judicial Fund No. 573	<u>53,325,165</u>	<u>53,325,165</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 71,866,917</u>	<u>\$ 71,866,917</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 203,915,535</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 203,913,223</b></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	677.1	677.1
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

District Judges and Criminal District Judges - State Base Salary (Strategy A.1.1.)	(491) \$140,000	(491) \$140,000
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys (Strategies B.1.1. and B.1.3.)	(8) 112,000	(8) 112,000
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys (Strategy B.1.2.)	(156) 140,000	(156) 140,000
Business Court Judges - State Base Salary (Strategy A.1.1)	(10) 140,000	(10) 140,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: JUDICIAL SALARIES AND PAYMENTS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: DISTRICT AND BUSINESS COURT JUDGES</b>		
District Judges and Business Court Judges. Estimated.	\$ 84,844,749	\$ 84,844,750
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: VISITING JUDGES - REGIONS</b>	13,455,506	13,455,506
Per Gov. Code 74.061(c)(d)(h)(i); 24.006(f); and 32.302.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: VISITING JUDGES - APPELLATE</b>	347,370	347,370
Per Gov. Code 74.061(c)(d).		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: LOCAL ADMIN. JUDGE SUPPLEMENT</b>	80,745	80,745
Per Gov. Code 659.012(d). Estimated.		

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<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> DISTRICT JUDGES: TRAVEL Per Gov. Code 24.019.	322,325	322,325
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL SALARY PER DIEM Per Gov. Code 74.003(c), 74.061 & Assigned District Judges.	174,558	174,558
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> MDL SALARY AND BENEFITS Per Gov. Code 659.0125. Estimated.	<u>174,660</u>	<u>174,660</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> JUDICIAL SALARIES AND PAYMENTS	\$ 99,399,913	\$ 99,399,914
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROSECUTOR SALARIES AND PAYMENTS		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: SALARIES Per Gov. Code 41.013. Estimated.	\$ 869,331	\$ 869,331
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PROFESSIONAL PROSECUTORS: SALARIES Per Gov. Code 46.002; 46.003; and 46.005. Estimated.	25,511,607	25,511,606
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> FELONY PROSECUTORS: SALARIES Per Gov. Code 44.220; 45.175; and 45.280. Estimated.	414,164	414,164
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> PROSECUTORS: SUBCHAPTER C Per Gov. Code 43.180 (Harris) and 41.201(1).	129,638	129,638
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> FELONY PROSECUTORS: TRAVEL Per Gov. Code 43.004.	170,121	170,121
<b>B.1.6. Strategy:</b> FELONY PROSECUTORS: EXPENSES Felony Prosecutors: Reimbursements for Expenses of Office.	<u>4,166,083</u>	<u>4,166,083</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROSECUTOR SALARIES AND PAYMENTS	\$ 31,260,944	\$ 31,260,943
<b>C. Goal:</b> CO.-LEVEL JUDGES SALARY SUPPLEMENTS County-Level Judges Salary Supplement Programs.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CONSTITUTIONAL CO. JUDGE SUPPLEMENT Salary Supplement per Gov. Code 26.006. Estimated.	\$ 6,641,397	\$ 6,641,397
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATUTORY CO. JUDGE 573 SUPPLEMENT Per Gov. Code 25.0015 from Receipts per Gov. Code 51.702(d). Estimated.	23,535,311	23,535,311
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> STATUTORY PROBATE JUDGE SUPPLEMENT Per Gov. Code 25.00211 from Receipts per Gov Code 51.704(c). Estimated.	2,581,786	2,581,786
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> 1ST MULTICOUNTY COURT AT LAW Per Gov. Code 25.2702(g) from Receipts per Gov Code 51.702. Estimated.	153,000	153,000
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> 2ND MULTICOUNTY COURT AT LAW Per Gov. Code 25.2703 And 25.2704. Estimated.	<u>140,000</u>	<u>140,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> CO.-LEVEL JUDGES SALARY SUPPLEMENTS	\$ 33,051,494	\$ 33,051,494
<b>D. Goal:</b> SPECIAL PROGRAMS		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> ASST. PROSECUTOR LONGEVITY PAY Per Gov. Code 41.255(d). Estimated.	\$ 4,727,623	\$ 4,727,623
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> COUNTY ATTORNEY SUPPLEMENT Per Gov. Code 46.0031. Estimated.	6,787,062	6,787,062
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> WITNESS EXPENSES Per Code of Criminal Procedure 24.28 and 35.27 Estimated.	1,401,250	1,401,250
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> SPECIAL PROSECUTION UNIT, WALKER CO Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County.	7,540,210	7,537,898
<b>D.1.5. Strategy:</b> DEATH PENALTY REPRESENTATION Death Penalty Habeas Representation. Estimated.	25,000	25,000
<b>D.1.6. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL CENTER FOR STATE COURTS	600,000	600,000
<b>D.1.7. Strategy:</b> JUROR PAY Juror Pay. Estimated.	19,062,591	19,062,591

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<b>D.1.8. Strategy:</b> INDIGENT INMATE DEFENSE Per Code of Criminal Procedure 26.051(i) Estimated.	54,448	54,448
<b>D.1.9. Strategy:</b> DOCKET EQUALIZATION Equalization of the Courts of Appeals Dockets.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: SPECIAL PROGRAMS</b>	<u>\$ 40,203,184</u>	<u>\$ 40,200,872</u>
<b>Grand Total, JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT</b>	<u><u>\$ 203,915,535</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 203,913,223</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 131,392,253	\$ 131,392,254
Other Personnel Costs	3,441,333	3,450,555
Professional Fees and Services	866,924	866,924
Fuels and Lubricants	37,250	37,250
Consumable Supplies	16,000	16,000
Utilities	36,297	36,297
Travel	646,346	656,846
Rent - Building	114,944	114,944
Rent - Machine and Other	5,750	5,750
Other Operating Expense	3,781,185	3,781,185
Grants	63,555,218	63,555,218
Capital Expenditures	<u>22,035</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 203,915,535</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 203,913,223</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,480,327	\$ 2,503,394
Group Insurance	10,952,140	11,289,882
Social Security	8,353,665	8,431,354
Benefits Replacement	<u>36,367</u>	<u>29,567</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 21,822,499</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 22,254,197</u></u>

- 1. Appropriation Source.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 21.006, all revenues to, and fund balances in, the Judicial Fund No. 573, which are not deposited into the Basic Civil Legal Services Account or the Supreme Court Support Account, are appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department for payment of judicial and prosecutor salaries. In the event that revenues into Fund No. 573 during a fiscal year exceed the amount identified in the Method of Financing as being appropriated out of Fund No. 573 in this Act for that fiscal year the difference shall be appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department and the General Revenue Fund appropriation for that fiscal year shall be reduced by a like amount (estimated to be \$0).
- 2. Salary Limitation, District Judges.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, District Judges and Business Court Judges, shall be expended for the payment of the state salary for each district judge. Unless otherwise provided by law, in no event shall the aggregate, excluding any county supplement, of the state paid salary and any service retirement annuity paid pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 834 exceed the base salary for any district court judge during any twelve month period. If a district judge draws a salary as a district judge and a retirement annuity pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 834, and the combined amounts exceed the annual base salary for a district judge, the amount expended out of Strategy A.1.1, District Judges and Business Court Judges, for the state salary of that district judge shall be reduced by an amount which will bring the total amount received by the judge to the base salary paid a district judge for a 12 month period. This provision does not apply to either retired or former judges or justices called to duty as visiting judges pursuant to Government Code, Chapters 74 and 75 and Government Code, Section 24.604.
- 3. Special Prosecution Unit: Appropriation Source, Unexpended Balances and Performance Reporting.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.4, Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County, and under the authority of Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 104.003, and Article V, Section 21 of the Texas Constitution, Walker County, the following amounts are appropriated to the Special Prosecution Unit for the payment of salaries and other necessary expenses for the operation of the Special Prosecution Unit for the following purposes:

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Special Prosecution Unit</b>		
Criminal Division	\$ 2,802,802	\$ 2,794,677
Civil Division	\$ 3,299,329	\$ 3,304,026
Juvenile Division	\$ 1,438,079	\$ 1,439,195
Total, Special Prosecution Unit	\$ 7,540,210	\$ 7,537,898
<b>Method of Financing</b>		
General Revenue	\$ 6,019,668	\$ 6,017,356 &UB
Criminal Justice Division Grants	\$ 1,520,542	\$ 1,520,542
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 7,540,210	\$ 7,537,898

Funds for the Criminal Division are to be used for the investigation and prosecution of felony offenses committed by prisoners of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and, for the investigation and prosecution of other felonies and misdemeanors committed by agency employees and others when criminal conduct affects the operation of the agency in the various counties of the State where Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities are located. Funds for the Civil Division are to be used for the civil commitment of sexually violent predators. Funds for the Juvenile Division are to be used for the prosecution of criminal offenses or delinquent conduct committed in facilities of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

The funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.4, Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County, shall be used to employ the services of legal and support staff plus the payment of their necessary capital and operating expenses in carrying out the purposes of the Special Prosecution Unit as established by its Board of Directors. Funds shall not be used to pay any county for costs of housing the Special Prosecution Unit in a county-owned building.

Walker County is the designated agency to administer the funds provided for the support of the Special Prosecution Unit. Walker County shall submit a voucher containing an itemized statement of expenses to include salaries, fringe benefits and authorized expenses incurred to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department each month of the fiscal year. Such vouchers shall be reviewed by the Walker County Auditor's Office to ensure compliance with applicable state and county regulation concerning the expenditures of public funds. Upon receipt of said vouchers, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department shall issue warrants each month to reimburse Walker County. The total reimbursement each year shall not exceed the amount appropriated, and in no event shall amounts appropriated be expended to reimburse Walker County or other counties for lease space in county-owned buildings.

Any unexpended balances from appropriations out of the General Revenue Fund made to the Special Prosecution Unit for fiscal year 2026 are appropriated to the Special Prosecution Unit in fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes.

At the discretion of the Executive Director of the Special Prosecution Unit, any monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund above in Strategy D.1.4, Special Prosecution Unit, Walker County, may be transferred between divisions in an amount not to exceed 20 percent of the appropriation item from which the transfer is made for the fiscal year.

After obtaining written approval from the Legislative Budget Board, the Special Prosecution Unit may exceed the 20 percent discretionary transfer authority provided to the Executive Director of the Special Prosecution Unit.

The Special Prosecution Unit shall submit a report each January 1 to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor for the preceding fiscal year ending August 31. The report must be in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor and must include annual statistical information on activities of the Special Prosecution Unit.

4. **Felony Prosecutors: Expenses.** For the payment of salaries of assistant district attorneys, investigators and/or secretarial help and expenses, including travel for these personnel as determined by the prosecutors designated in Strategies B.1.1, B.1.2, B.1.3, and B.1.4. Reimbursement shall be limited to expenses for supplies or items that would normally be

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consumed or utilized within the fiscal year for which the funds in this item are designated. Payments shall not exceed \$11,083 per year in single-county districts with populations over 50,000 in Strategy B.1.4; \$22,500 per year in districts with populations over 50,000; or, \$27,500 per year in districts with populations under 50,000 for those district attorneys, criminal district attorneys and county attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney both prohibited and not prohibited from the private practice of law per Government Code, Chapter 46; and shall be made available in three equal installments issued on the first day of September, January and May of each fiscal year. These payments shall be made directly to the district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney for the purposes of disbursement as required by the attorney. The attorney receiving these payments shall be responsible to the Comptroller for accounting for all expenditures of these funds.

5. **Administration of Visiting Judge Strategies.** From funds appropriated, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department shall maintain a system to account for all expenditures in each fiscal year made for the services of 1) visiting former judges serving in the judicial regions, 2) visiting former judges serving in the appellate courts, 3) visiting retired judges serving in the judicial regions, and 4) visiting retired judges serving in the appellate courts.
6. **Longevity Pay.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, District Judges and Business Court Judges, an estimated \$1,108,800 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated \$1,108,800 in fiscal year 2027 is provided to fund longevity pay for district judges under the provisions of Government Code, Section 659.0445.
7. **Appropriation Transfers.** Pursuant to provisions in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department may initiate transfers between strategies not to exceed 20 percent of the appropriation item from which the transfer is made. The Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department shall submit notification to the Legislative Budget Board of the purpose, the method of financing and amount of funds to be transferred. Also, the Legislative Budget Board may request that the Judiciary Section initiate an Article IX transfer between strategies, subject to the Judiciary Section's determination that funds are available for the proposed transfer.
8. **1st Multicounty Court at Law.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.4, 1st Multicounty Court at Law, an estimated \$153,000 each fiscal year is provided to pay the state-paid salary supplement to the judge serving the court as required under Government Code, Section 25.0015 and an amount not to exceed \$13,000 each fiscal year is provided to supplement local costs for court personnel and other court operating expenses.
9. **Visiting Judge - Appellate.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judge - Appellate, may be used by the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department to reimburse one or more courts of appeals for the salary or fee paid to a staff attorney employed or contracted by a court of appeals to assist judges assigned to cases in addition to their ordinary caseload contingent on written approval of the Council of Chief Justices.
10. **Unexpended Balance Authority.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Strategy A.1.2, Visiting Judges - Regions, and Strategy A.1.2, Visiting Judges - Appellate, as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated as of September 1, 2026, to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department in the same strategy for the same purposes.
11. **Contingency for Senate Bill \_\_\_\_.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, District and Business Court Judges, include estimated appropriations totaling \$180,000 each fiscal year to provide supplemental compensation for a business court judge not to exceed \$18,000 per fiscal year, contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill \_\_\_\_, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the salary of a business court judge.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

Method of Financing:	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
General Revenue Fund	\$ 64,223,548	\$ 67,986,549

**RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE**  
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General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 218,817	\$ 235,997
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Judicial Fund No. 573	\$ 4,181,582	\$ 4,181,582
Other Special State Funds	<u>957,628</u>	<u>957,628</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 5,139,210	\$ 5,139,210
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 69,581,575</u>	<u>\$ 73,361,756</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 10,312,093	\$ 10,850,980
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GROUP INSURANCE</b>	24,401,430	27,642,724
Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PLAN 2</b>	18,274,467	18,274,467
Judicial Retirement System - Plan 2. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM - PLAN 1</b>	<u>16,593,585</u>	<u>16,593,585</u>
Judicial Retirement System - Plan 1. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 69,581,575</u>	<u>\$ 73,361,756</u>
<b>Grand Total, RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>\$ 69,581,575</u>	<u>\$ 73,361,756</u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 16,008,630	\$ 16,500,147
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 152,841	\$ 155,902
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 19,052</u>	<u>\$ 19,230</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 16,180,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,675,279</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT</b>		
Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER</b>	\$ 16,117,128	\$ 16,623,739
State Match -- Employer. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY</b>	<u>63,395</u>	<u>51,540</u>
Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A: SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT</b>	<u>\$ 16,180,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,675,279</u>
<b>Grand Total, SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY</b>	<u>\$ 16,180,523</u>	<u>\$ 16,675,279</u>

**LEASE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>



## LEASE PAYMENTS

**Items of Appropriation:**

**Grand Total, LEASE PAYMENTS**

\$ 0

\$ 0

## SPECIAL PROVISIONS - JUDICIARY

**Sec. 2. Systems Compatibility.** No funds appropriated in the article by this Act shall be utilized to purchase information technology unless it interfaces with other courts and with the Office of Court Administration and complies with the plans filed with the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 3. Appellate Court Exemptions.** The following provisions of Article IX of this Act do not apply to the appellate courts:

- a. Article IX, Section 6.10, Limitation on State Employment Levels
- b. Article IX, Section 6.13, Performance Standards
- c. Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget
- d. Article IX, Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions

**Sec. 4. Intermediate Appellate Court Local Funding Information.** The Office of Court Administration shall assist the appellate courts in the submission of a report for local funding information each January 1 to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor for the preceding fiscal year ending August 31. The report must be in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

**Sec. 5. Interagency Contracts for Assigned Judges for Appellate Courts.** Out of funds appropriated in this Article to Strategies A.1.1, Appellate Court Operations, the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, or any of the 15 Courts of Appeals may enter into a contract with the Office of the Comptroller for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, for the purpose of reimbursing the Comptroller for amounts expended for judges assigned under Government Code, Chapter 74 to hear cases of the appellate courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that any amounts reimbursed under this contract for judges assigned to the appellate courts are in addition to amounts appropriated for the use of assigned judges in Strategy A.1.3, Visiting Judges - Appellate in the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department.

**Sec. 6. Appellate Court Transfer Authority.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, the Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, or the Chair of the Council of Chief Justices may transfer funds between appellate courts, notwithstanding any other provision in this Act and subject to prior approval of any transfer of funds by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. Any such transfer shall be made for the purpose of efficient and effective appellate court operations and management of court caseloads.

## Sec. 7. Schedule of Exempt Positions.

- (a) **Office of Court Administration Administrative Director Salary.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this bill, including Article IX, Section 3.04 setting maximum salaries for exempt positions, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas may set the rate of compensation for the Administrative Director of the Office of Court Administration in an amount not to exceed the Maximum Salary but no less than the Minimum Salary for the appropriate salary group for the Administrative Director as listed in the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Schedule of Exempt Positions. Any salary increase from appropriated funds within the limits provided by this provision must be in writing; signed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas; and submitted to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller.
- (b) **Judge and Prosecutor Exemptions.** Article IX, Section 3.04, Scheduled Exempt Positions, does not apply to exempt positions listed within the bill patterns of the Office of State Prosecuting Attorney or the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department. In addition, Article IX, Section 3.04, Schedule of Exempt Positions, does not apply to the 73 Associate Judge Exempt positions for the Child Support Courts and the Child Protection Courts included in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council.
- (c) **Reporting on Position Tenure.** The appellate courts and the Office of State Prosecuting Attorney shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts in

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS - JUDICIARY**  
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a format determined by the Legislative Budget Board detailing additional salary and longevity pay amounts required each fiscal year under the tiered pay structure established by Government Code, Section 659.012.

- (d) **Informational Listing - Judicial and Prosecutor Compensation.** Government Code, Section 659.012, Judicial Salaries, and Section 46.003, Compensation of State Prosecutors, establish a tiered, tenure-based compensation structure for certain judges and professional prosecutor positions that is linked to the base salary of a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act and adjusts depending on the judge or professional prosecutor's tenure. Consistent with Government Code, Sections 46.003 and 659.012, for their first four years of service, the judge or the professional prosecutor earns a base salary that is a certain percentage of the base salary of a district judge, subject to certain other statutory limitations. When their tenure is between 4-8 years of service, the judge or professional prosecutor earns 110 percent of the judge or prosecutor's base salary. With 8 or more years of tenure, the judge or professional prosecutor's salary is 120 percent of the judge or professional prosecutor's base salary. County prosecutors receive a supplement from the state that is provided to the county in an amount based on a formula that includes the base salary of a district judge with comparable years of service and the number of counties served. The table below shows the base salary amounts for each state judge and prosecutor position that are dependent on years of service within each tier.

Judge / Prosecutor	Court / Judicial District / State Agency	Base Salary (0-4 years)	(4-8 years)	(8+years)
Chief Justice Presiding Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$170,500	\$187,300	\$204,100
Justice Judge	Supreme Court Court of Criminal Appeals	\$168,000	\$184,800	\$201,600
Chief Justice	1 <sup>st</sup> - 14th Court of Appeals	\$156,500	\$172,150	\$187,800
Justice	1 <sup>st</sup> - 14th Court of Appeals	\$154,000	\$169,400	\$184,800
Chief Justice	15 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals	\$165,500	\$181,800	\$198,100
Justice	15 <sup>th</sup> Court of Appeals	\$163,000	\$179,300	\$195,600
Associate Judge	Child Protection Court Child Support Court	\$126,000	\$138,600	\$151,200
Business Court Judge	Business Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Judge	District Court	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
State Prosecuting Attorney	Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
Professional Prosecutors	Judicial Districts	\$140,000	\$154,000	\$168,000
District Attorneys	Judicial Districts	\$112,000	\$123,200	\$134,400
County Prosecutors	Constitutional County Court	\$23,334 to \$70,000	\$25,667 to \$77,000	\$28,001 to \$84,000

**Sec. 8. Judicial Education Funding Transfer Authority.**

- (a) The Court of Criminal Appeals may assign to the Office of Court Administration or to any other agency of the Judicial Branch the necessary administrative and accounting functions for the General Revenue-Dedicated Judicial and Court Personnel Training Account No. 540 appropriation included in this Act to be performed under the direction of the Court of Criminal Appeals in compliance with Government Code, Chapter 56. To implement this provision, the Comptroller is authorized to transfer the appropriation from the Court of Criminal Appeals to the Office of Court Administration, or to any other agency of the Judicial Branch, as directed by order of the Court of Criminal Appeals.
- (b) For the purpose of this section, the term administration shall include administrative oversight functions, accounting and auditing functions, management studies, performance audits, and other studies initiated by the Court of Criminal Appeals or any other agency of the Judicial Branch, as directed by the order of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Sec. 9. Unexpended Balance Authority.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in non-estimated strategies at the Supreme Court of Texas, Court of Criminal Appeals, 15 Courts of Appeals, Office of Court Administration, Office of Capital and Forensic Writs, Office of the State Prosecuting

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Attorney, State Commission on Judicial Conduct, and State Law Library as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the respective court or agency for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 24,283,013	\$ 24,283,015
Court of Criminal Appeals	8,678,952	8,453,953
First Court of Appeals District, Houston	5,545,049	5,545,049
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth	4,475,898	4,475,898
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin	3,830,191	3,830,191
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio	4,799,048	4,769,874
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas	7,768,719	7,995,672
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana	1,935,450	1,980,526
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo	2,536,754	2,536,755
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso	2,065,721	2,065,720
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	2,657,024	2,657,024
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco	2,025,088	2,025,089
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland	1,997,857	1,997,857
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler	2,019,703	2,019,703
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg	3,844,524	3,844,523
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston	5,660,604	5,682,625
Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin	3,697,236	2,668,792
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	111,274,989	75,305,778
Office of Capital and Forensic Writs	4,216,547	4,182,348
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	654,316	651,197
State Law Library	1,478,015	1,428,016
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	2,147,398	2,144,635
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	<u>132,048,618</u>	<u>132,046,306</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 339,640,714	\$ 302,590,546
Retirement and Group Insurance	64,223,548	67,986,549
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>16,008,630</u>	<u>16,500,147</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 80,232,178	\$ 84,486,696
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	<u>\$ 419,872,892</u>	<u>\$ 387,077,242</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV**  
**THE JUDICIARY**  
**(General Revenue-Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 0
Court of Criminal Appeals	13,096,000	13,096,000
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	<u>84,222,202</u>	<u>84,960,579</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 107,318,202	\$ 98,056,579
Retirement and Group Insurance	218,817	235,997
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>152,841</u>	<u>155,902</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 371,658</u>	<u>\$ 391,899</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	<u><u>\$ 107,689,860</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 98,448,478</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV**  
**THE JUDICIARY**  
**(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ <u>1,948,411</u>	\$ <u>1,928,411</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 1,948,411	\$ 1,928,411
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>19,052</u>	<u>19,230</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ <u>19,052</u>	\$ <u>19,230</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	<u><u>\$ 1,967,463</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,947,641</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(Other Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 20,443,987	\$ 20,443,987
Court of Criminal Appeals	367,751	367,751
First Court of Appeals District, Houston	328,050	328,050
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth	274,050	274,050
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin	229,900	229,900
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio	266,050	266,050
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas	490,950	490,950
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana	94,450	94,450
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo	128,600	128,600
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso	98,450	98,450
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	130,600	130,600
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco	97,450	97,450
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland	96,450	96,450
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler	96,450	96,450
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg	229,494	229,494
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston	451,893	451,893
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	7,487,748	7,564,070
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	22,500	22,500
State Law Library	7,000	7,000
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	<u>71,866,917</u>	<u>71,866,917</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 103,208,740	\$ 103,285,062
Retirement and Group Insurance	<u>5,139,210</u>	<u>5,139,210</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 5,139,210	\$ 5,139,210
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 11,890,855</u>	<u>\$ 11,939,669</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	<u><u>\$ 96,457,095</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 96,484,603</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 56,675,411	\$ 46,655,413
Court of Criminal Appeals	22,142,703	21,917,704
First Court of Appeals District, Houston	5,873,099	5,873,099
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth	4,749,948	4,749,948
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin	4,060,091	4,060,091
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio	5,065,098	5,035,924
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas	8,259,669	8,486,622
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana	2,029,900	2,074,976
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo	2,665,354	2,665,355
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso	2,164,171	2,164,170
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	2,787,624	2,787,624
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco	2,122,538	2,122,539
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland	2,094,307	2,094,307
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler	2,116,153	2,116,153
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg	4,074,018	4,074,017
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston	6,112,497	6,134,518
Fifteenth Court of Appeals District, Austin	3,697,236	2,668,792
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	202,984,939	167,830,427
Office of Capital and Forensic Writs	4,216,547	4,182,348
Office of the State Prosecuting Attorney	676,816	673,697
State Law Library	1,485,015	1,435,016
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	2,147,398	2,144,635
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	<u>203,915,535</u>	<u>203,913,223</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 552,116,067	\$ 505,860,598
Retirement and Group Insurance	69,581,575	73,361,756
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>16,180,523</u>	<u>16,675,279</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 85,762,098	\$ 90,037,035
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 11,890,855</u>	<u>\$ 11,939,669</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - THE JUDICIARY	<u><u>\$ 625,987,310</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 583,957,964</u></u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	1,701.3	1,701.3



ARTICLE V

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated public safety and criminal justice agencies.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 60,436,206	\$ 60,236,205
Federal Funds	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 60,936,206</u>	<u>\$ 60,736,205</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 18,040,602	\$ 18,215,030
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	625.0	625.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Administrator, Group 7	\$230,000	\$230,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
Promote the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Public.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>	\$ 32,012,005	\$ 32,012,005
<b>B. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
License, Permit, Register Qualified Businesses and Products.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>	\$ 5,980,387	\$ 5,980,387
<b>C. Goal: COMPLIANCE AND TAX COLLECTION</b>		
Ensure Compliance with Fees & Taxes.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: COMPLIANCE MONITORING</b>	\$ 7,529,578	\$ 7,529,578
Conduct Inspections and Monitor Compliance.		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: PORTS OF ENTRY</b>	<u>5,786,984</u>	<u>5,786,984</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: COMPLIANCE AND TAX COLLECTION</b>	\$ 13,316,562	\$ 13,316,562
<b>D. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 2,968,695	\$ 2,968,696
<b>D.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES</b>	6,185,920	5,985,918
<b>D.1.3. Strategy: OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<u>472,637</u>	<u>472,637</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 9,627,252</u>	<u>\$ 9,427,251</u>
<b>Grand Total, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 60,936,206</u>	<u>\$ 60,736,205</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 48,147,878	\$ 48,147,877
Other Personnel Costs	1,634,838	1,634,838
Professional Fees and Services	1,965,586	1,615,586
Fuels and Lubricants	356,500	356,500
Consumable Supplies	71,504	71,504

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**  
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Utilities	518,974	518,973
Travel	488,489	488,489
Rent - Building	1,939,128	1,939,128
Rent - Machine and Other	375,629	375,629
Other Operating Expense	5,382,120	5,382,121
Capital Expenditures	<u>55,560</u>	<u>205,560</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 60,936,206</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 60,736,205</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 3,801,679	\$ 3,836,281
Group Insurance	8,814,218	9,068,196
Social Security	3,146,212	3,174,866
Benefits Replacement	<u>4,032</u>	<u>3,278</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

<u><u>\$ 15,766,141</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 16,082,621</u></u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Priority Licensed Locations Inspected by Enforcement Agents	70%	70%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Inspections Conducted by Enforcement Agents	37,000	40,000
Number of Inspections of Priority Licensed Locations	26,000	28,000
Number of Investigations Closed Relating to Trafficking or Other Organized Criminal Activities	170	180
Number of Investigative Activities Targeting Organized Criminal Activity and Trafficking in Border Region	720	790
Number of Enforcement Investigative Activities	39,000	43,000
Number of Undercover Operations Conducted	8,230	9,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Enforcement Investigative Activity	700	700
Average Cost Per Investigative Activity Targeting OCA and Trafficking Statewide	2,400	2,400
<b>B. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average Number of Days to Approve an Original Primary License/Permit	31	31
Average Number of Days to Approve a Product Registration Application	16	16
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Licenses/Permits Approved	54,310	54,310
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per License/Permit Application Processed	80.64	80.64
<b>C. Goal: COMPLIANCE AND TAX COLLECTION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Compliance Rate - Audits	89%	89%
Compliance Rate - Auditor Inspections	99%	99%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: COMPLIANCE MONITORING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Audits Conducted	2,000	2,000
Number of Inspections Conducted by Auditors	43,000	43,000
Number of Investigations Closed by Audit	2,000	2,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Audits Conducted	601.3	601.3

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**C.2.1. Strategy: PORTS OF ENTRY**  
**Output (Volume):**

Number of Alcoholic Beverage Containers Imported	1,457,500	1,475,500
Number of Cigarette Packages Imported	427,000	427,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Agencywide PC Replacements and Tablet Computers - Leased	\$ 251,853	\$ 251,853
(2) Hardware/Software Acquisitions	364,292	364,292
(3) AIMS Licensing and Support	<u>1,925,000</u>	<u>1,925,000</u>
 Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	 \$ 2,541,145	 \$ 2,541,145
 b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Public Safety Equipment - Replacement	\$ 179,419	\$ 179,419
 c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 840,635	\$ 840,635
 d. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity Program	<u>\$ 300,260</u>	<u>\$ 300,260</u>
 Total, Capital Budget	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>
 Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
 General Revenue Fund	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>
 Total, Method of Financing	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>	 <u>\$ 3,861,459</u>

**3. Hazardous Duty Pay Authorized.** The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is authorized to pay hazardous duty pay to any commissioned law enforcement personnel as prescribed by law. It is further provided that individuals who had received hazardous duty pay as of August 31, 1981, shall continue to receive hazardous duty pay for the biennium beginning with the effective date of this Act. Individuals hired after August 31, 1981, shall not receive hazardous duty pay unless so authorized by Government Code, Chapter 659.

**4. Witness Expenses Authorized.** No other provisions of this Act shall prevent payment by the State of Texas of salaries and expenses incurred by representatives of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in attendance on state or federal grand jury proceedings, and who may be called as witnesses in the trial of criminal or civil cases in state or federal courts involving offenses complained of against state or federal liquor regulatory or revenue laws. It is further provided that any fees collected by the representatives in performing such duties shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the appropriations made above.

**5. Revolving Fund.** The revolving change fund in the amount of \$25,000 for use at several International Bridges is appropriated out of the funds above for the biennium beginning with the effective date of this Act for the same purposes.

**6. Purchase of Evidence Authorized.** From the amounts authorized above, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may establish a cash fund not to exceed \$150,000 for the purchase of evidence and/or information and surveillance expenses deemed necessary by the Commission.

**7. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission pursuant to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 205.02 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above, as well as the amount identified above in the informational item "Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act." "Other direct and indirect

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costs" are estimated to be \$18,040,602 fiscal year 2026 and \$18,215,030 for fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 8. Fleet of Motor Vehicles Authorized.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may purchase and maintain a fleet of vehicles. If these vehicles are unmarked for law enforcement purposes, these vehicles shall be utilized only by personnel who are commissioned peace officers or those persons responsible for the maintenance and repair of these vehicles. Vehicles which are properly marked pursuant to state requirements may be utilized for other legitimate agency purposes as needed by personnel employed by the agency.
- 9. Appropriation: Seized Assets.** All funds received under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission are appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Enforcement, to be used for law enforcement purposes. Any funds unexpended at the close of each fiscal year are appropriated for the following year (fiscal year 2025 unexpended balance estimated to be \$0).

### 10. Clothing Provisions.

- a. A commissioned officer who received a \$1,200 clothing allowance pursuant to the General Appropriations Act during the 2024-25 biennium shall receive a \$1,200 clothing allowance in the 2026-27 biennium.
- b. No person shall receive a \$1,200 clothing allowance unless eligible in subsection (a).
- c. An individual who is newly hired or newly commissioned after September 1, 1997, is eligible to receive a \$500 cleaning allowance.
- d. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may use appropriated funds to purchase uniforms for Tax Collectors at International Bridges.

- 11. Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program.** Pursuant to Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 5.56, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission shall transfer through an Interagency Contract \$250,000 in each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund, included in the amounts above, from Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, to the Department of Agriculture for the Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program.

- 12. Organized Criminal Activity and Financial Criminal Activity Intervention.** The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) shall report to the Legislative Budget Board not later than December 1 of each fiscal year the amount of appropriations expended during the previous fiscal year for the purpose of intervening in organized criminal activity and financial criminal activity. The report shall include a description of the activities of TABC personnel related to the interventions and the expenditures of each type of activity for which intervention occurs. The report shall include the expenditures for the Special Investigations Unit and the Financial Crimes Unit.

### 13. Limit on Travel and Activities.

- a. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may, with written notification to the Legislative Budget Board 30 days prior to the date of travel, spend money appropriated to the agency by this Act for use during the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027:
  - (1) for travel outside the state; or
  - (2) to attend or participate in an event, training, conference, class, or similar activity outside the state.
- b. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may expend funds appropriated to the agency by this Act for travel related to bona fide and documented law enforcement or investigative activities without providing prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board.

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- c. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and employees of the commission may not accept payments from or spending authority on behalf of any trade, professional, or industry organization for any purpose or in any form, including a travel subsidy, payment of travel or other expenses for conference presenters, prepaid meals, or lodging.
- 14. Estimates of Future Funds.** The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission shall include estimates of future Federal Funds, Other Funds, and 100 percent federally funded full-time equivalent positions in the agency’s Legislative Appropriations Request.
- 15. Hardship Station.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission is authorized to designate hardship stations across the state based on excessive vacancies and/or a high cost of living. The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may provide financial incentives, not to exceed \$5,000 per fiscal year, to commissioned peace officers accepting these positions. The incentives will be based on available funds as determined by the Executive Director.
- 16. Unexpended Balances Information Technology Transformation.** Out of amounts appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission under strategy D.1.2, Information Technology, for the 2024-25 biennium for its Information Technology Transformation Initiative, any unobligated or unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- 17. Employment of Peace Officers with Previous Experience.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission may elect to credit up to four years of experience as a peace officer anywhere within the United States as years of service for the purpose of calculating the officer’s salary under Salary Classification Schedule C, as provided by Article IX, Section 2.01 of this Act.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,678,395,902	\$ 4,530,729,472
Education and Recreation Program Receipts	151,674,382	151,674,382
Texas Correctional Industries Receipts	<u>4,643,892</u>	<u>4,643,892</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,834,714,176	\$ 4,687,047,746
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Compensation to Victims of Crime Account No. 469	\$ 653,203	\$ 653,203
Private Sector Prison Industry Expansion Account No. 5060	<u>73,574</u>	<u>73,575</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 726,777	\$ 726,778
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Funds	\$ 640,075	\$ 607,493
Federal Funds for Incarcerated Aliens	<u>8,644,147</u>	<u>8,644,147</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 9,284,222	\$ 9,251,640
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts - Criminal Justice Grants	\$ 507,171	\$ 507,171
Appropriated Receipts	14,992,594	14,992,593
Interagency Contracts	2,064,749	2,064,749
Interagency Contracts - Texas Correctional Industries	<u>53,497,882</u>	<u>53,497,882</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 71,062,396	\$ 71,062,395
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 4,915,787,571</u>	<u>\$ 4,768,088,559</u>

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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	41,321.4	41,321.4
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 9	\$299,813	\$299,813
Presiding Officer, Board of Pardons and Paroles, Group 5	194,371	194,371
Parole Board Member, Group 3	(6) 137,813	(6) 137,813
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: PROVIDE PRISON DIVERSIONS</b>		
Provide Prison Diversions through Probation & Community-based Programs.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BASIC SUPERVISION	\$ 181,282,770	\$ 183,992,788
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> DIVERSION PROGRAMS	138,997,008	138,997,008
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	43,180,454	43,180,455
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TRMT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION	<u>10,873,975</u>	<u>10,873,976</u>
Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program.		
<b>Total, Goal A: PROVIDE PRISON DIVERSIONS</b>	\$ 374,334,207	\$ 377,044,227
<b>B. Goal: SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDERS</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	\$ 30,855,622	\$ 30,855,623
<b>C. Goal: INCARCERATE FELONS</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CORRECTIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS	\$ 1,813,158,887	\$ 1,813,158,887
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> CORRECTIONAL SUPPORT OPERATIONS	174,265,410	174,265,411
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> CORRECTIONAL TRAINING	12,216,610	12,216,610
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> INMATE SERVICES	11,533,670	11,533,670
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL GOODS	285,412,176	285,412,175
<b>C.1.6. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES	244,657,549	244,657,550
<b>C.1.7. Strategy:</b> INST'L OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	279,152,436	279,152,436
Institutional Operations and Maintenance.		
<b>C.1.8. Strategy:</b> UNIT AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE	455,679,539	451,928,116
Managed Health Care-Unit and Psychiatric Care.		
<b>C.1.9. Strategy:</b> HOSPITAL AND CLINICAL CARE	377,812,398	378,069,171
Managed Health Care-Hospital and Clinical Care.		
<b>C.1.10. Strategy:</b> MANAGED HEALTH CARE-PHARMACY	98,338,837	99,933,486
<b>C.1.11. Strategy:</b> HEALTH SERVICES	5,778,430	5,778,429
<b>C.1.12. Strategy:</b> CONTRACT PRISONS/PRIVATE ST JAILS	8,935,200	9,203,475
Contract Prisons and Privately Operated State Jails.		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES	76,682,802	76,682,802
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> ACADEMIC/VOCATIONAL TRAINING	2,919,044	2,919,044
Academic and Vocational Training.		
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> TREATMENT SERVICES	36,319,607	36,319,607
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT	54,703,667	55,461,953
Substance Abuse Treatmt - Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities.		
<b>C.2.5. Strategy:</b> IN-PRISON SA TREATMT & COORDINATION	40,766,648	41,293,191
Substance Abuse Treatment - In-Prison Treatment and Coordination.		
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> MAJOR REPAIR OF FACILITIES	<u>159,994,236</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: INCARCERATE FELONS</b>	\$ 4,138,327,146	\$ 3,977,986,013
<b>D. Goal: BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES	\$ 12,799,190	\$ 12,799,191
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> REVOCATION PROCESSING	5,935,279	5,935,279
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> INSTITUTIONAL PAROLE OPERATIONS	<u>17,273,368</u>	<u>17,273,366</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES</b>	\$ 36,007,837	\$ 36,007,836

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<b>E. Goal: OPERATE PAROLE SYSTEM</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE RELEASE PROCESSING	\$ 7,334,062	\$ 7,334,063
<b>E.2.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE SUPERVISION	134,083,355	142,165,206
<b>E.2.2. Strategy:</b> RESIDENTIAL REENTRY CENTERS	47,041,868	48,872,172
<b>E.2.3. Strategy:</b> INTERMEDIATE SANCTION FACILITIES	<u>26,659,522</u>	<u>27,394,894</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> OPERATE PAROLE SYSTEM	\$ 215,118,807	\$ 225,766,335
<b>F. Goal: ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 29,467,309	\$ 29,467,308
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> VICTIM SERVICES	2,354,978	2,354,977
<b>F.1.3. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	63,346,006	62,630,580
<b>F.1.4. Strategy:</b> BOARD OVERSIGHT PROGRAMS	<u>25,975,659</u>	<u>25,975,660</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> ADMINISTRATION	\$ <u>121,143,952</u>	\$ <u>120,428,525</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>	<u>\$ 4,915,787,571</u>	<u>\$ 4,768,088,559</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,323,312,925	\$ 2,332,006,130
Other Personnel Costs	77,474,907	77,421,014
Professional Fees and Services	1,034,644,652	1,009,975,698
Fuels and Lubricants	20,063,915	20,063,393
Consumable Supplies	18,644,637	18,545,809
Utilities	165,191,365	164,728,523
Travel	25,109,864	24,986,089
Rent - Building	17,631,585	17,458,840
Rent - Machine and Other	9,113,841	8,800,419
Other Operating Expense	605,311,589	479,669,662
Client Services	80,206,197	81,261,821
Food for Persons - Wards of State	145,683,006	145,683,006
Grants	374,471,034	377,181,054
Capital Expenditures	<u>18,928,054</u>	<u>10,307,101</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 4,915,787,571</u>	<u>\$ 4,768,088,559</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 180,746,902	\$ 182,105,258
Group Insurance	478,136,001	490,248,297
Social Security	176,718,500	178,102,212
Benefits Replacement	<u>210,342</u>	<u>171,008</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 835,811,745	\$ 850,626,775
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 21,739,411</u>	<u>\$ 19,729,761</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 857,551,156</u>	<u>\$ 870,356,536</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Criminal Justice. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Criminal Justice. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Criminal Justice shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROVIDE PRISON DIVERSIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BASIC SUPERVISION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Felony Offenders under Direct Supervision	163,465	165,760
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Caseload	76	76

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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> DIVERSION PROGRAMS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Residential Facility Beds Grant-funded	1,854	1,854
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Residential Facility Beds Funded through Community Corrections	79	79
<b>B. Goal:</b> SPECIAL NEEDS OFFENDERS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Offenders with Special Needs Three-year Recarceration Rate	14%	14%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Special Needs Offenders Served Through the Continuity of Care Programs	78,000	78,000
<b>C. Goal:</b> INCARCERATE FELONS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Three-year Recidivism Rate	20.3%	20.3%
Number of Inmates Who Have Escaped from Incarceration	0	0
Turnover Rate of Correctional Officers	30%	30%
Average Number of Inmates Receiving Medical and Psychiatric Services from Health Care Providers	145,465	150,575
Medical and Psychiatric Care Cost Per Inmate Day	17.55	16.92
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CORRECTIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Inmates Incarcerated	135,605	140,715
<b>C.1.8. Strategy:</b> UNIT AND PSYCHIATRIC CARE		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Psychiatric Inpatient Average Daily Census	1,713.46	1,713.46
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Inmates Assigned to the Texas Correctional Industries Program	4,800	4,800
<b>C.2.3. Strategy:</b> TREATMENT SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Sex Offenders Receiving Subsidized Psychological Counseling While on Parole/Mandatory Supervision	4,827	4,827
<b>C.2.4. Strategy:</b> SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Offenders Completing Treatment in Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities	4,093	3,968
<b>D. Goal:</b> BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Parole Cases Considered	77,414	77,414
<b>E. Goal:</b> OPERATE PAROLE SYSTEM		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Releasee Annual Revocation Rate	5	5
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE RELEASE PROCESSING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Parole Cases Processed	33,267	33,267
<b>E.2.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE SUPERVISION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Offenders Under Active Parole Supervision	83,336	81,782
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Monthly Caseload	62	62
<b>E.2.2. Strategy:</b> RESIDENTIAL REENTRY CENTERS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Releasees in Residential Reentry Centers	1,713	1,646
<b>E.2.3. Strategy:</b> INTERMEDIATE SANCTION FACILITIES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Parolees and Probationers in Intermediate Sanction Facilities	2,370	2,344



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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property		
(1) Infirmary Capacity Expansion	\$ 22,800,000	\$ 0
b. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) BOQ at Clements	\$ 6,600,000	\$ 0
c. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Hospital Galveston Deferred Maintenance	\$ 27,224,236	\$ 0
(2) Repair and Rehabilitation of Facilities	<u>105,470,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 132,694,236	\$ 0
d. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Computer and Software Acquisitions	\$ 3,453,000	\$ 3,453,000
(2) Board of Pardons and Paroles - Computer & Software Acquisitions	101,307	101,306
(3) Inmate Banking System	1,145,000	1,145,000
(4) Body-Worn Cameras	7,600,000	7,600,000
(5) Comprehensive Video Surveillance Systems	<u>3,148,151</u>	<u>3,148,151</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 15,447,458	\$ 15,447,457
e. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Correctional Security Equipment	\$ 440,000	\$ 440,000
(2) Agricultural Operations	502,740	502,739
(3) Replacement of Operational Support Equipment	2,530,614	2,530,613
(4) Equipment Replacements for Industrial Operations	<u>1,917,210</u>	<u>1,917,210</u>
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ 5,390,564	\$ 5,390,562
f. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 41,786,038	\$ 41,070,611
g. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System	<u>\$ 1,310,982</u>	<u>\$ 1,310,982</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 226,029,278</u>	<u>\$ 63,219,612</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 222,967,068	\$ 60,157,402
Education and Recreation Program Receipts	<u>1,145,000</u>	<u>1,145,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 224,112,068	\$ 61,302,402
Interagency Contracts - Texas Correctional Industries	<u>\$ 1,917,210</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,210</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 226,029,278</u>	<u>\$ 63,219,612</u>

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- 3. Disposition of Construction Appropriation.** Construction appropriations may be used to pay salaries of engineers, architects, superintendents, supervisors, and administrative expenses and support personnel of construction projects; architectural fees and the actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by them or their representatives in making special trips of inspection at the instance of the Board of Criminal Justice or the Department of Criminal Justice's Executive Director or designee during construction or repair of buildings or installation of fixed equipment in buildings. The State Auditor's Office may recommend job titles and rates of pay for salaried positions.
- 4. Temporary Loan of Construction Resources.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) may temporarily utilize materials and equipment acquired and personnel paid from one project appropriated for construction, repairs, and renovation, including construction of additional capacity and building maintenance, to construct any other similar project for which funds have been appropriated. The receiving project must reimburse the providing project within twelve months with funds and/or a like amount of materials, equipment, equipment usage, or personnel of equivalent value. Reimbursement with funds may be accomplished by transfer in a manner which records appropriate expenditures to the borrowing project and negative expenditures to the lending project. These transfers may be summary amounts in a manner approved by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. However, TDCJ must maintain adequate detailed records to support summary transfer amounts.
- 5. Architectural Fees.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, in those instances where inmate labor is used on construction projects, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may pay architectural fees based on the estimated total cost of a project as if it were to be done by a private contractor. The department shall employ an independent firm, separate from the architect, to estimate the total cost of a project. Architectural fees based on the estimated cost shall be governed by other provisions of this Act.
- 6. Utilization of Existing Correctional Facilities.** The department shall give full consideration to utilizing existing correctional facilities located in the State of Texas and currently owned or operated by federal or local governments. Appropriations to the department may be used for the purposes of leasing, purchasing, or contracting for operations of such facilities if agreements can be reached which are beneficial to the State.
- 7. Salary Adjustment Authorized.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is authorized to adjust salaries of the following position series to rates within the designated salary group for the purpose of recruiting, employing, and retaining career correctional personnel:

  - a. Correctional Officer;
  - b. Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Major of Correctional Officers;
  - c. Food Service Manager;
  - d. Laundry Manager; and
  - e. Parole Officer.

Merit raises are prohibited for all employees who are receiving or are eligible to receive step adjustments in the career ladder system. No compression raise may be granted as a result of the salary adjustment authorized in this article.
- 8. Appropriation: Meals Authorized.** The department may charge an amount necessary to recover the cost of a meal provided to an employee. Department employees assigned to work inside correctional facilities or on travel status may receive up to two free meals per shift and employees residing in employee dormitories may receive three free meals per day. None of the funds appropriated above shall be utilized to provide meals to other employees for a charge of less than \$1.00 per meal or to grow, purchase, prepare, or provide food products for employees to use at their homes. All meal fees received are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, Institutional Goods. Any fees collected in excess of \$3,030 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,031 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for the same purpose.

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**9. Benefit Policy Required.** The Board of Criminal Justice shall maintain a written policy relating to benefits provided in Riders 8 and 11 specifying the criteria used to award these benefits to employees, and shall maintain a system to account for all costs related to these benefits and all revenues from collection of fees.

**10. Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized.**

- a. The department's Regional Directors, Chief Wardens, Assistant Wardens, Majors of Correctional Officers, Captain of Correctional Officers, Lieutenant of Correctional Officers, Kennel Sergeants, Maintenance Supervisors, and Fire/Safety Managers at each facility may live in state-owned housing at rental rates determined by the department.
- b. Other department employees may live in available state-owned housing as set forth in Article IX, Section 11.02, Reporting Related to State Owned Housing, of this Act.
- c. All fees received for employee housing are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.7, Institutional Operations and Maintenance, to be used for maintaining employee housing. Any fees collected in excess of \$2,098,022 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,098,022 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for the same purpose.
- d. The state-owned housing, excluding Bachelor's Officers Quarters, at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall be a cost recovery program. The total fees charged to employees shall at least cover the cost of maintenance and utilities.

**11. Appropriation: Laundry Service.** The department may charge an amount necessary to recover the cost for the provision of laundry services. The department may launder or dry clean the uniforms of correctional officers at no charge. None of the funds appropriated above may be used to launder or dry clean other employee clothing or to provide other services unless fees are charged to recover the cost of providing the services. All fees collected for laundry and other related services are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.5, Institutional Goods. Any fees collected in excess of \$655,253 in fiscal year 2026 and \$655,253 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for the same purpose.

**12. Employee Medical Care.** Appropriations made in this Act may also be expended to provide medical attention and hospitalization by correctional medical staff and the correctional hospital facilities, or to pay necessary medical expenses for employees injured while performing the duties of any hazardous position which is not reimbursed by workers' compensation and/or employees' state insurance. For the purpose of this section, "hazardous position" shall mean one for which the regular and normal duties inherently involve the risk or peril of bodily injury or harm. Appropriations made in this Act may also be expended for medical tests and procedures on employees that are required by federal or state law or regulations when the tests or procedures are required as a result of the employee's job assignment or when considered necessary due to potential or existing litigation.

**13. Transfer Authority within and between Goals.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may transfer such amounts as may be necessary within appropriations made for each goal.

Funds may be transferred between goals, provided that before any transfer between goals which will have the cumulative effect of changing expenditures for any goal by more than 20 percent of the amount appropriated for that goal for the fiscal year, written notification of intent to transfer be provided the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee.

**14. Petty Cash Fund Authorized.** The local Petty Cash Revolving Fund in the amount of \$10,000 is continued for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, and may be used to advance or reimburse transfer agents and for the care and maintenance of convicted felons while en route to the department from points in Texas and elsewhere in the United States; and for the payment of C.O.D. freight and express charges and similar items requiring immediate cash disbursements. The funds shall be reimbursed by warrants drawn and approved by the Comptroller out of appropriated funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**15. Revolving Fund Authorized.** The local Inmate Release Revolving Fund of \$500,000 is continued for each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, and is deposited in a bank or banks in Texas. All inmates released on parole, mandatory supervision, discharge, or

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conditional pardon shall be paid out of this fund. The fund shall be reimbursed by warrants drawn and approved by the Comptroller out of appropriated funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

- 16. Appropriation: Agriculture Receipts.** Each year of the biennium the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) may exchange agricultural products for other agricultural products and finished goods, and all revenue accruing from the sale of agricultural commodities or livestock and other revenues as they apply to sales of equipment, salvage, refunds, and to recover damage claims are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Institutional Services. Any revenues collected in excess of \$6,391,832 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,391,832 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for agricultural operations. Any unexpended balance up to \$2,000,000 remaining from revenues on August 31, 2025, and August 31, 2026, is appropriated to allow for continuity of agricultural production and sales cycles which do not conform to fiscal years (fiscal year 2025 unexpended balance estimated to be \$0).
- 17. Appropriation: Acceptance of Grants, Gifts.** The Board of Criminal Justice is authorized to accept federal grants, donations, and gifts, including those of real property, for the programs and projects of the agency. All such gifts, donations, and grants are appropriated above in Goal C, Incarcerate Felons, and Goal E, Operate Parole System, for the purposes for which they are made available, provided, however, that in taking advantage of or accepting funds, the Board shall not incur any indebtedness which would necessitate a supplemental or additional appropriation out of any funds of this State nor deplete any of the funds appropriated to an amount which would necessitate a supplemental or additional appropriation out of any funds of this State to replenish said fund or funds.
- 18. Appropriation: Controlled Substance Receipts.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, all funds received under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice are appropriated in Strategy F.1.4, Board Oversight Programs, to be used for law enforcement purposes. Any funds unexpended at the close of each fiscal year are appropriated for the following year (fiscal year 2025 unexpended balance estimated to be \$0).
- 19. Appropriation: Texas Correctional Industries Receipts.** Receipts collected from the sales of products produced by Texas Correctional Industries (TCI) are appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Texas Correctional Industries. Any receipts collected in excess of \$58,141,774 in fiscal year 2026 and \$58,141,774 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for the continued production of TCI goods and services (estimated to be \$0). Any unexpended and unobligated balance up to \$5,000,000 remaining from TCI revenues on August 31, 2025, and August 31, 2026, is appropriated to the department for the same purpose. The State Comptroller shall transfer any unobligated fund balances from TCI receipts in excess of \$5,000,000 to the General Revenue Fund at the end of each fiscal year (fiscal year 2025 unexpended balance estimated to be \$0).
- 20. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances for Increased Inmate Populations.** In order to operate new correctional facilities or programs necessary for increased inmate populations under the department's supervision, unexpended balances from appropriations made to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for fiscal year 2026 are hereby appropriated to the Department for fiscal year 2027 contingent upon written notification to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board by the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, not less than 45 calendar days prior to encumbrance, which details the amount and purpose of expenditures of funds carried into fiscal year 2027 under authority of this provision.
- 21. Transfer Limitation.** Upon any order from a federal court that requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to transfer funds from any appropriation made above, those funds which were attempted to be transferred shall lapse and the Comptroller shall return the amount appropriated to its respective source.
- 22. Appropriation: Recreational Facility Fees.** The department may charge an amount necessary to recover the cost for the use of recreation facilities. Fees charged for recreation facilities owned and operated by the department are to be deposited in a special account with the Comptroller of Public Accounts. All recreational facility fees received are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.7, Institutional Operations and Maintenance. Any fees collected in excess of \$21,165 in fiscal year 2026 and \$21,165 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for continued operation and maintenance of the department's recreational facilities.

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**23. Aircraft Provision.** Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) may expend funds from appropriations above to own or lease, operate, and maintain one aircraft and to replace it if necessary. In the event that a temporary need arises, TDCJ may expend funds for the lease or rental of aircraft on an as-needed basis.

**24. Appropriation: Education and Recreation Program Receipts.** All receipts collected from the operation of facility commissaries and all gifts and other income for inmate welfare accruing together with Education and Recreation Program account balances at the beginning of each year of the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.6, Institutional Services, to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice subject to the following provisions:

- a. All receipts collected shall be deposited in accordance with applicable statutes: (1) in the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury; (2) in trust with the State Comptroller; or (3) in a local bank account on approval by the State Comptroller.
- b. Salaries of personnel employed by the Education and Recreation Program shall conform with the provisions of the Classification Plan except as otherwise provided by this Act.
- c. Funds deposited in Education and Recreation Program accounts shall be expended only with the advance, written approval of the Board of Criminal Justice.
- d. The department shall expend Education and Recreation Program receipts first for the construction, maintenance, equipment, and operations of recreational facilities and for the income producing operations of the program. Any remaining balances may be expended for other programs benefiting the welfare of department confines.

Any Education and Recreation Program receipts collected in excess of \$151,674,382 in fiscal year 2026 and \$151,674,382 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department subject to the above-cited provisions.

**25. Appropriation: Parole Supervision Fees.** All parole supervision fees collected from offenders in accordance with Government Code, Section 508.182, are appropriated above in Strategy E.2.1, Parole Supervision. Any fees collected in excess of \$7,285,865 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,285,865 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department for parole supervision.

**26. Postsecondary Education Programs.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may use those funds only to enter into an agreement with Windham School District to provide for postsecondary education courses to incarcerated students who have:

- a. demonstrated a clear and convincing record of rehabilitation while incarcerated, and
- b. demonstrated an interest in a field of study, and
- c. demonstrated the aptitude and capabilities to do college-level study.

The costs of attendance, including tuition, books, course materials, supplies, and fees required for such postsecondary education programs shall be reimbursed by the student as a condition of parole. One hundred percent of the reimbursements are appropriated to Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice may not transfer appropriations out of Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training.

Funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training, are to be distributed to the colleges that provide the postsecondary education programs and services for the costs of attendance including postsecondary tuition, books, course materials and fees. Funds may also be used by Windham School District for direct costs that benefit students' postsecondary education, such as information technology, program startups, and program enhancements to meet current industry standards.

No funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training, may be retained by TDCJ or Windham School District for administrative costs. Programs under Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training, are to be administered by Windham School District.

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**27. Appropriation Transfers Between Fiscal Years.** In addition to the transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may transfer General Revenue appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,000 made for fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026, subject to the following conditions provided by this section:

- (a) Transfers under this section may be made only:
  - (1) if correctional populations exceed the capacity of the department, or
  - (2) if Federal Funds for Incarcerated Aliens appropriated in fiscal year 2026 to the department are not received in the amount identified in the method of finance for that year, or
  - (3) for any other emergency expenditure requirements, including expenditures necessitated by public calamity.
- (b) The transfer authority provided above is exclusive of expenditure needs for Strategy C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care, and C.1.10, Managed Health Care - Pharmacy.
- (c) A transfer authorized by this section requires prior written notification to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board 30 calendar days prior to the transfer. The Governor and the Legislative Budget Board may disapprove the transfer during the 30 day period.
- (d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall cooperate as necessary to assist the completion of a transfer and spending made under this section.

**28. Computer Refurbishing Program.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall use funds appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Texas Correctional Industries, to develop and implement an inmate work program in which donated, second-hand computers are refurbished in prisons for use by public schools.

**29. Correctional Officer Training.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall provide at least 284 hours of training for new correctional officers.

**30. Ombudsman Activity.** From funds appropriated above, the Ombudsman for the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ) shall respond to all agency and legislatively referred complaints in a timely manner. TBCJ shall develop performance measures, trend analysis, and a method of resolution for issues presented. TBCJ shall provide summary reports regarding this activity to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on an annual basis.

**31. Safe Prisons Program.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall maintain a Safe Prisons Program for the purpose of preventing and limiting the number of sexual assaults by inmates on inmates. Strategies to prevent sexual assaults that may be used in the Safe Prisons Program include, but are not limited to, use of protective custody; use of an inmate's assault history in making cell assignments; use of an inmate's likelihood of victimization in cell assignments; education of correctional officers on the importance of preventing sexual assault; education of new prisoners on the risks of sexual assault, including prosecution; and use of surveillance cameras. TDCJ shall report annually to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor the number of sexual assaults by inmates on inmates and the actions taken on each assault. Additional reporting elements may be established by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. TDCJ shall designate a Safe Prisons Program coordinator who reports directly to the TDCJ Executive Director.

**32. Appropriation: Refunds of Unexpended Balances from CSCDs.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall maintain procedures to ensure that the state is refunded all unexpended and unencumbered balances of state funds held as of the close of this biennium by local community supervision and corrections departments (CSCDs). All estimated fiscal years 2024-25 refunds received from CSCDs by TDCJ (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Basic Supervision, A.1.2, Diversion Programs, A.1.3, Community Corrections, and A.1.4, Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration. The refund amounts for Strategy A.1.1, Basic Supervision, shall be determined by dividing the biennial state aid provided to a CSCD by the total revenue (biennial state aid plus local revenue received by the CSCD). This percentage shall be multiplied by the CSCD's total unexpended revenue at the end of the biennium to determine the refund amount. All refunds received by TDCJ shall be redistributed by TDCJ for the benefit of the

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community supervision and corrections system and to implement one or more commitment reduction plans authorized by Senate Bill 1055 enacted during the Eighty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 2011. TDCJ shall review, at least quarterly, CSCDs' use of state funding from Strategies A.1.2, Diversion Programs, and A.1.4, Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program, and deobligate and reallocate CSCDs' unexpended and unencumbered state funds within the biennium in a timely manner. TDCJ shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report detailing actual refund collections each biennium and the amount held in each CSCD's fund balance at that time.

- 33. Transportation - Substance Abuse.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall provide transportation for inmates who are released from Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities (SAFPF) or In-Prison Therapeutic Community (IPTC) facilities and transferred to a residential setting.
- 34. Interagency Contract for Legal Services.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$1.3 million for each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 biennium is for an interagency contract with the Office of the Attorney General for legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Any interagency contract funded by appropriated funds may not exceed reasonable attorney fees for similar legal services in the private sector, shall not jeopardize the ability of TDCJ to carry out its legislative mandates, and shall not affect the budget for TDCJ such that employees must be terminated in order to pay the amount of the interagency contract.
- 35. Continuity of Care.**
- (a) Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Programs and Services, the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) shall coordinate with county and municipal jails, and community centers as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Section 534.001 on establishing methods for the continuity of care for pre- and post-release activities of defendants who are returned to the county of conviction after the defendant's competency has been restored.
  - (b) As part of the Continuity of Care Plan and in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year, TCOOMMI shall provide up to a 90-day post-release supply of medication, related lab cost and prescriber cost to defendants who, after having been committed to a state mental health facility for restoration of competency under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 46B, are being returned to the committing court for trial. The up to 90-day supply of medication shall be the same as prescribed in the Continuity of Care Plan prepared by the state mental health facility. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Programs and Services, TCOOMMI shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with county and municipal jails or through contracted community centers as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Section 534.001 for the purpose of reimbursing each entity in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each fiscal year for providing medication to defendants. TCOOMMI shall report amounts reimbursed to each entity to the appropriate legislative oversight committees by October 1 of each fiscal year.
- 36. Texas State Council for Interstate Adult Supervision Authority.** Out of funds appropriated above, TDCJ shall provide reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by members of the Texas State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision while conducting the business of the council in accordance with Government Code, Chapters 510 and 2110, and provisions of this Act related to the per diem of board or commission members.
- 37. Advisory Committee on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments.** Out of the funds appropriated above, TDCJ shall provide reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by members of the Advisory Committee on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments incurred while conducting business of the committee in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2110, Health and Safety Code, Chapter 614, and provisions of this Act related to the per diem of board or commission members.
- 38. Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall maintain an automated report to assist in identifying inmates eligible for medically recommended intensive supervision (MRIS). TDCJ shall maintain uniform diagnosis codes to signal inmates eligible for release on MRIS. TDCJ shall expedite its screening process for MRIS by requesting an inmate's board file at the same time it assigns a caseworker to complete an interview of the inmate. TDCJ shall refer qualifying elderly inmates for

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MRIS consideration to the Board of Pardons and Paroles, or sentencing judges, in accordance with Government Code, Section 508.146. Such referrals may be made in the absence of other medical or mental health conditions.

**39. Unexpended Balance Authority for Special Needs Programs and Services.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in appropriations made above in Strategy B.1.1, Special Needs Programs and Services, are appropriated to the department for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**40. Monitoring of Community Supervision Diversion Funds.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall maintain a specific accountability system for tracking community supervision funds targeted at making a positive impact on the criminal justice system.

In addition to continuing the recommendations made by the State Auditor's Office in the September 2012 report (Report No. 13-004) to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice regarding the monitoring of community supervision and corrections departments (CSCDs) to ensure that Diversion Program grant funds have been spent as intended, the agency shall implement a monitoring system so that the use of funds appropriated in Strategies A.1.2, A.1.3, and A.1.4. can be specifically identified.

The agency shall produce, on an annual basis, detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, and effectiveness information on the above mentioned funds. This information shall include information on the impact of any new initiatives. Examples include number of offenders served, number of residential beds funded, number of community supervision officers hired, and caseload sizes. The agency shall provide documentation regarding the methodology used to distribute the funds. In addition to any other requests for information, the agency shall report the above information for the previous fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office by December 31st of each year.

**41. Withholding of Funds.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) may withhold the distribution of funds allocated in Goal A, Provide Prison Diversions, to community supervision and corrections departments (CSCDs) that fail to comply with TDCJ data reporting requirements that include, but are not limited to, data required for the Community Supervision Tracking System, Quarterly Financial Reports, Monthly Community Supervision and Corrections Reports, Caseload Reports, Program Output reports and other data required by TDCJ for accountability purposes.

**42. Correctional Managed Health Care.** The use of appropriated funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for managed health care (CMHC) for inmates in custody shall be governed by the specific limitations included in this rider.

a. Managed Health Care Staff Loan Repayment

1. None of the funds appropriated above shall be used for loan repayment assistance for medical and mental health care staff without prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

b. Correctional Managed Health Care Committee

1. None of the funds appropriated above shall be used for payment of salaries, operating expenses, or travel expenses for staff of the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee.
2. From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may provide reimbursement of travel expenses incurred by the members of the Correctional Managed Health Care Committee with prior the prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board 30 calendar days before the date of reimbursement. The Legislative Budget Board may disapprove the reimbursement during the 30 day period.

c. Strategy C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care

1. Together with the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall approve a staffing model and services by unit that conform to the available annual appropriation in Strategy C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, before the beginning of each fiscal year.



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2. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch, shall provide unit medical and psychiatric care based on the jointly developed staffing model and services approved by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
  3. To the extent possible, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall maintain at least one Correctional Officer or other staff that is a licensed health care professional on duty per unit at all times.
  4. Receipts from inmate health care fees collected from inmates in accordance with Government Code, Section 501.063, are appropriated above in Strategy C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, estimated to be \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and estimated to be \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027. Any receipts collected in excess of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated to the department to pay the cost of correctional health care.
- d. Strategy C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care
1. The University of Texas Medical Branch shall provide inpatient and outpatient hospital services and physician services at the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston for inmates in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Inpatient services shall be reimbursed at an amount no greater than would be produced using UTMB's Medicare standard dollar amount (SDA) with an add-on of \$2,496 and the appropriate relative weight. The add-on is intended to continue funding for graduate residency slots. Hospital outpatient services and physician services shall be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed cost.
  2. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, the University of Texas Medical Branch, and any other contracted CMHC health care providers shall provide inpatient and outpatient hospital services through contract hospital providers for inmates in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at a rate not to exceed 100 percent of what would be paid for similar services according to the Medicare reimbursement methodology. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice may pay a rate in excess of Medicare reimbursement rates only after receiving prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.
  3. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice may provide for a medical review of the appropriateness of non-emergency medical procedures provided by the University of Texas Medical Branch Hospital Galveston.
  4. It is the intent of the legislature that any inpatient hospital costs that exceed UTMB's Medicare SDA with an add-on of \$2,496 and the appropriate relative weight will not be reimbursed by the state.
  5. When requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to pay a rate in excess of Medicare reimbursement rates as described in subsection (d)(2) above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall submit in a timely manner the request along with adequate information for evaluating the request. Any additional information requested by the LBB must be submitted promptly and in a manner prescribed by the LBB. The request shall be considered approved unless the LBB issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date LBB 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 by the LBB interrupts the counting of the 30 business days.
- e. Transferability
1. Notwithstanding Rider 12 of this Article and Article IX, Sec. 14.01, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall not transfer any appropriations between Strategies C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care; C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care, and C.1.10, Managed Health Care - Pharmacy, without prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board. When requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board to transfer appropriations between correctional managed health care strategies, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice 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

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the Legislative Budget Board. The request shall be considered 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 by the Legislative Budget Board interrupts the counting of the 30 business days.

2. This transferability limitation extends to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch, upon receipt of funding from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

### f. Reimbursement to Contracted Health Care Providers

1. At the beginning of each quarter, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall prepay the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch, one quarter of the annual appropriation for services to be rendered under contract.
2. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall reimburse the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the University of Texas Medical Branch, for actual costs, including indirect administrative services based on generally accepted accounting principles. Reimbursement for indirect administrative services is capped at 2.75 percent of annual reimbursements for services rendered under contract. The total reimbursements shall not exceed amounts appropriated above in Strategies C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care, and C.1.10, Managed Health Care - Pharmacy, unless prior approval is provided by the Legislative Budget Board.
3. Informational Item - In addition to the CMHC appropriations made above in TDCJ, other CMHC-related appropriations are made elsewhere in the General Appropriations Act. Certain University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) employees deliver TDCJ-contracted CMHC services. UTMB and TTUHSC receive monies from the General Revenue Fund in state reimbursements for a portion of the benefits provided to these university employees. This funding is provided through the various state agencies/systems that administer benefits for higher education employees.
4. University of Texas Medical Branch and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are prohibited from using reimbursements and/or payments for correctional managed health care for any purpose other than the provision of correctional managed health care.

### g. Reporting Requirements

1. The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is required to submit quarterly to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor a report detailing:
  - i. correctional managed health care actual and projected expenditures for unit and psychiatric care, hospital and clinical care, and pharmacy;
  - ii. health care utilization and acuity data; and
  - iii. other health care information determined by the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
2. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, the University of Texas Medical Branch, and any other contracted CMHC health care providers shall provide the Texas Department of Criminal Justice with necessary documentation to fulfill the reporting requirements contained in this section.
3. TDCJ shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board describing the cost containment efforts used to improve efficiency and manage costs in the Correctional Managed Health Care system in the previous fiscal year by September 30 of each fiscal year.

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### h. Managed Health Care Operational Shortfalls

1. If deemed necessary by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, appropriations may be transferred into Strategies C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care, and C.1.10, Managed Health Care - Pharmacy, with prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board.
2. In addition to transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice may transfer General Revenue appropriations made in Strategies C.1.8, Managed Health Care - Unit and Psychiatric Care, C.1.9, Managed Health Care - Hospital and Clinical Care, and C.1.10, Managed Health Care - Pharmacy, for fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026 with prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board.
3. When requesting the approval of the Legislative Budget Board to transfer appropriations for the purposes described in paragraphs h.1. and h.2. above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice 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 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 by the Legislative Budget Board interrupts the counting of the 30 business days.

**43. Battering Intervention and Prevention Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Diversion Programs, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall allocate \$2,962,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,962,500 in fiscal year 2027 for funding the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) in the manner required by Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42.141. The BIPP shall be administered using a statewide allocation of direct grants from TDCJ to local non-profit organizations in the manner described in Government Code, Section 509.011. Funds subject to this provision shall be allocated at the local level and designated for use only for these programs. Funds subject to this provision may not be utilized for administrative expenses of local community supervision and corrections departments nor may they be used to supplant local funding.

Out of funds appropriated above in Goal F, Indirect Administration, TDCJ shall conduct an evaluation of the effectiveness of programs and services provided through BIPP grants during the 2024-25 biennium. The evaluation shall specify measurements of effectiveness, include qualitative program analysis, and include a progress report on the programs and services provided through BIPP grants during fiscal year 2026. TDCJ shall report the findings of the evaluation to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than September 1, 2026.

**44. Misdemeanor Funding.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall distribute funds at a rate not to exceed \$0.70 per day for each misdemeanor defendant directly supervised by a community supervision and corrections department. Funding for each misdemeanor defendant may not exceed the period of time authorized by statute.

**45. Utilization of Correctional Institution Beds Above 96 Percent Capacity.** Out of funds appropriated above in Goal C, Incarcerate Felons, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall utilize correctional institution beds above 96 percent capacity to the fullest extent possible. The utilization of bed capacity is not to prohibit meeting inmate classification and custody level requirements or medical and mental health care responsibilities.

**46. Ombudsman Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice's (TBCJ) Ombudsman shall provide annual reports to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the legislative committees tasked with criminal justice and appropriations on the number and types of inquiries made, the resolution of each inquiry, and how each inquiry was resolved. These reports shall also be made available to the public. TBCJ's Ombudsman shall submit the annual reports no later than December 1st of each fiscal year for the preceding fiscal year's activity.

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**47. Parole and Reentry Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) Reentry and Integration Division and Parole Division shall submit an annual joint report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the legislative committees tasked with criminal justice and appropriations, capturing:

- a. the number of referrals given by parole officers for specific needs, such as housing, medical care, treatment for substance abuse or mental illness, veterans services, basic needs, etc.;
- b. the outcomes of these referrals and identified areas where referrals are not possible due to unavailable resources or providers;
- c. the outcomes of programs and services that are available to releasees, with outcomes based on reentry coordinator follow-up inquiries evaluating offenders' progress after release;
- d. the common reentry barriers identified during releasees' individual assessments, including in areas of housing, medical care, treatment for substance abuse or mental illness, veterans services, or other basic needs;
- e. the common reentry benefits and services that reentry coordinators help releasees obtain or apply for;
- f. information on available community resources; and
- g. data regarding parole officer and reentry coordinator training.

These annual joint reports shall also be made available to the public. TDCJ shall submit the annual joint report no later than December 1st of each fiscal year for the preceding fiscal year's activity.

**48. Payments to District Clerks.** Out of funds appropriated above, the district clerks in counties with four, five, or six Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) operational correctional facilities are to be allocated, during each fiscal year of the biennium, an amount not to exceed \$12,000 to be allocated in equal monthly installments. District clerks in counties with seven or more TDCJ operational correctional facilities are to be allocated, during each fiscal year of the biennium, an amount not to exceed \$84,000 to be allocated in equal monthly installments. The allocation must be used for the purpose of covering costs incurred in the filing of TDCJ inmate correspondence.

**49. Track Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities Completion Rates.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall track program completion rates of offenders in Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities to determine where improvements can be made and where resources should be allocated. TDCJ shall report the findings to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than September 1 of each even-numbered year.

**50. Sale of State-owned Land, Facilities, or Property.** Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 496.0021, should the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) determine that land, facilities, or property owned by the department is appropriate for sale, TDCJ shall obtain prior approval from the Legislative Budget Board before the expenditure of funds to sell land, facilities, or property. In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the proceeds from the sale are appropriated to the department from the Capital Trust Fund.

**51. Harris County Community Corrections Facility.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Diversion Programs, \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 in discretionary grants shall be made to the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the continued operations of the Harris County Community Corrections Facility.

**52. Notification of Federal Regulatory Action.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall notify the Legislative Budget Board within ten business days of the implementation of any federal regulatory action that reduces maximum allowable per-minute inmate telephone rates and report the department's time line for administering changes to implement the federal action. In addition, within 45 business days of any federal regulatory action, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall provide a five-year projection of revenue generated by the Offender Telephone System to the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller, and the Attorney General. This projection shall include estimates of revenue before and after the

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federal regulatory change. The agency projection of revenue following the regulatory action shall incorporate an estimate of additional revenue generated by call volume increases related to the lower per-minute rate.

- 53. Prescriptions Provided Upon Release from a Correctional Facility.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.10, Managed Health Care-Pharmacy, is funding to extend prescriptions to 30 calendar days at the discretion of contracted medical staff to offenders upon release from TDCJ correctional facilities. Emphasis shall be placed on mental health issues and medical issues that would be impacted by a lapse in medication.
- 54. Estimates of Future Funds.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall include estimates of future Federal Funds, Other Funds, and 100 percent federally funded full-time equivalent positions in the agency's Legislative Appropriation Request.
- 55. Monitoring of Temperature and Temperature Related Deaths.** Out of funds appropriated above, TDCJ shall annually produce a report to the Legislature no later than December 31 of each year on inmate complaints related to temperature, cases of environmental hyperthermia or death caused by temperature or exacerbated by temperature, and agency procedures used to manage temperature and mitigate excessive heat in TDCJ facilities. TDCJ shall also measure and log the temperature inside a cell or other inmate housing area in each TDCJ-operated prison or jail that is not air conditioned every day at 3:00 p.m. during the months of April through September and include the data from those logs in its annual report.
- 56. Statewide Reentry Services Pilot Programs.** Included in the amounts appropriated above are \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to establish and operate a statewide pilot program for reentry services to offenders released from TDCJ facilities who are returning to the community. The programs shall at a minimum implement reentry services in the City of Houston and through a competitive award process in the Dallas metropolitan area, which may include agreements with non-profit entities, faith-based organizations, community groups, and the private sector for the provision of reentry services. TDCJ shall report on the recidivism rate and effectiveness of each program to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor no later than January 1 of each fiscal year.
- 57. Office of the Inspector General.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall not transfer appropriations from Strategy F.1.4, Board Oversight Programs, without prior written approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. TDCJ shall not reduce the number of full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) allocated to Office of the Inspector General (196.3 FTEs) without prior written approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- TDCJ shall provide indirect support and administrative resources as necessary to enable OIG to fulfill statutory responsibilities, and the manner in which they are provided shall not infringe on the independence of those offices.
- Budget requests or other requests related to the General Appropriations Act provisions shall be submitted by TDCJ in a manner that maintains the independence of the OIG.
- 58. Unexpended Balance Authority for Postsecondary Education Programs.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in appropriations made above in Strategy C.2.2, Academic and Vocational Training, are appropriated to the Department for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 59. Report on Warrants Issued for Parole Violations.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) in coordination with relevant stakeholders shall review policies and submit a report to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, the chair of the appropriate House and Senate Committees, and members of the legislature on agency procedures related to warrants issued for parole violations, or blue warrants, not later than December 1, 2026. The report shall include recommendations for expediting and/or streamlining the blue warrant process, specifically regarding administrative violations and misdemeanors.
- 60. Report on Pregnant Inmates.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall prepare a report on incarcerated pregnant inmates and submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, House Committee

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on Corrections, and House Committee on County Affairs no later than December 1, 2026. The report is also to be made available to the public on the Department's website. The report shall include the following:

- (a) the number of incarcerated women admitted annually;
- (b) the number of pregnant inmates admitted annually;
- (c) the date, time, duration, rationale, and location of the use of restraints on incarcerated pregnant inmates;
- (d) the number of incarcerated pregnant inmates diagnosed and treated for intellectual and developmental disorders or behavioral health issues; and
- (e) the number of births given during incarceration.

**61. Differential Pay.** The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) is authorized to pay differential pay for hard to fill or specialized service FTEs, so long as the resulting salary rate does not exceed the rate designated as the maximum rate for the applicable salary group. An employee is no longer eligible to receive this pay when the employee transfers to a position or locality that is not hard to fill or a specialized service.

**62. Appropriation for Salary Increase for Community Supervision and Correction Departments.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Basic Supervision, the Department of Criminal Justice is appropriated \$43,263,185 in fiscal year 2026 and \$43,263,185 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in order to maintain the pay increase for employees of local Community Supervision and Correction Departments provided in the prior biennium. Salary increases were allocated to provide a 5.0 percent increase in annual salary with a minimum of \$3,000 per annum increase in salary, to begin on September 1, 2023, and another increase in annual salary to occur on September 1, 2024, consisting of an additional 5.0 percent increase with a minimum of \$3,000 per annum increase in salary. Appropriations include amounts needed for payroll-based benefits.

**63. Correctional Staff Protective Gear.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Correctional Support Operations, is \$4,000,00 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Criminal Justice to fund the purchase of protective gear for correctional staff.

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

**64. Sunset Contingency.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2027 for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) are made contingent on the continuation of TDCJ by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2026, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of agency operations.

**65. Telehealth Diversion Programs.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Diversion Programs, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to establish a pilot program for three counties, which shall at a minimum include Bexar and Harris Counties, to coordinate with local law enforcement and local mental health authorities to connect individuals to telehealth resources necessary for certain diversion programs.

**66. Infirmary Bed Expansion.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$22,800,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.3.1, Major Repair and Restoration, to purchase five prefabricated buildings to provide 100 additional infirmary care beds and to convert space to provide 92 additional infirmary care beds with the purpose of minimizing, to the greatest extent possible, the use of off unit infirmary care. Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$7,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.8, Unit and Psychiatric Care, for the operation of these additional infirmary beds.

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- 67. Female Inmate Health Care.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.8, Unit and Psychiatric Care, is \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to expand health care services to female inmates. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.
- 68. Residential Reentry Center Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) shall prepare a report on individuals being housed in residential reentry centers. The report shall contain:
- (a) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than their county of residence;
  - (b) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than their county of residence who have committed violent offenses;
  - (c) The number of individuals released from residential reentry centers into counties other than the county in which their offense occurred;
  - (d) The number and percentage of individuals released from residential reentry centers that have a driver's license or identification card; and
  - (e) The number and percentage of individuals released from residential reentry centers that have been connected to workforce development and family reunification services.

This report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and posted publicly on the agency’s website no later than December 1 of each year.

COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,470,884	\$ 2,600,884
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 225,000</u>	<u>\$ 225,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,695,884</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,825,884</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,138,116	\$ 1,148,505
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	36.0	36.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$140,000	\$140,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> EDUCATION & ASSISTANCE		
Provide Fire-related Information and Resources.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION	\$ 730,000	\$ 85,000
Fire Safety Information & Educational Programs.		

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B. Goal: FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS

Enforce Fire Department Standards.

B.1.1. Strategy: CERTIFY & REGULATE FIRE SERVICE	\$	1,854,040	\$	1,629,040
Certify and Regulate Fire Departments and Personnel.				

C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,111,844	\$	1,111,844
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Grand Total, COMMISSION ON FIRE PROTECTION	\$	3,695,884	\$	2,825,884
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	2,295,591	\$	2,295,591
Other Personnel Costs		32,909		32,909
Professional Fees and Services		61,400		61,400
Consumable Supplies		13,000		13,000
Utilities		5,532		5,532
Travel		231,658		231,658
Rent - Building		425		425
Rent - Machine and Other		6,201		6,201
Other Operating Expense		1,024,168		154,168
Grants		25,000		25,000

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	3,695,884	\$	2,825,884
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	185,173	\$	186,895
Group Insurance		571,233		588,197
Social Security		165,923		167,466

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act

\$	922,329	\$	942,558
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on Fire Protection. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on Fire Protection. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on Fire Protection shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
B. Goal: FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARDS		
B.1.1. Strategy: CERTIFY & REGULATE FIRE SERVICE		
Output (Volume):		
Number of Inspections of Regulated Entities	1,120	1,120
Number of Exams Administered	18,000	18,000
Efficiencies:		
Average Cost Per Inspection of Regulated Facilities	475	475
Explanatory:		
Percent of Fire Protection Individuals Who Pass the Certification Exam	90%	90%
Number of Individuals Certified	37,000	37,000
Number of Training Providers Certified	260	260

2. **Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Commission on Fire Protection pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sections 419.025 and 419.026 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above, as well as the amount identified above in the informational item "Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act" in addition to \$1,500,000 over the biennium. "Other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,138,116 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,148,505 for fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.



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- 3. Appropriations: License Plate Receipts.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Certify and Regulate Fire Service, is an amount estimated to be \$25,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$25,000 in fiscal year 2027, from the sale of license plates as provided by the Texas Transportation Code, Section 504.414. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Commission on Fire Protection for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 4. Appropriations: IFSAC Seal Receipts.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 6.08, Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance, no benefits shall be paid out of receipts collected by the Commission on Fire Protection for the sale of International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) seals.
- 5. Wildland Urban Interface Firefighter Training.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to Strategy A.1.1., Fire Safety Education, is \$600,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing statewide training on Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) firefighting. Such training shall be conducted in coordination with the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 are appropriated to the Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,367,288	\$ 2,132,288
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,368,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,133,713</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	28.0	28.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$127,619	\$127,619
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EFFECTIVE JAIL STANDARDS</b>		
Assist Local Govts through Effective Standards & Technical Assistance.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>	\$ 1,138,073	\$ 1,153,073
Perform Inspections of Facilities and Enforce Standards.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW</b>	123,841	123,841
Assist with Facility Need Analysis and Construction Document Review.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION</b>	307,672	307,672
Assist with Staffing Analysis, Operating Plans, & Program Development.		
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: AUDITING POPULATION AND COSTS</b>	<u>391,663</u>	<u>141,663</u>
Collect and Analyze Data Concerning Inmate Population/Backlogs/Costs.		
<b>Total, Goal A: EFFECTIVE JAIL STANDARDS</b>	\$ 1,961,249	\$ 1,726,249
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 407,464</u>	<u>\$ 407,464</u>
Indirect Administration, Accounting, and Information Technology.		
<b>Grand Total, COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS</b>	<u>\$ 2,368,713</u>	<u>\$ 2,133,713</u>

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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,065,687	\$ 1,830,687
Other Personnel Costs	15,400	15,400
Professional Fees and Services	200	200
Consumable Supplies	4,600	4,600
Utilities	12,075	12,075
Travel	218,275	218,275
Rent - Building	300	300
Rent - Machine and Other	300	300
Other Operating Expense	<u>51,876</u>	<u>51,876</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,368,713</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,133,713</u></b>

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 141,010	\$ 142,321
Group Insurance	231,904	237,418
Social Security	<u>119,848</u>	<u>120,963</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 492,762</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 500,702</u></b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on Jail Standards. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on Jail Standards. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on Jail Standards shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: EFFECTIVE JAIL STANDARDS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Jails with Management-related Deficiencies	5%	5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Comprehensive Inspections Conducted	122	122
Number of Special Inspections Conducted	104	104
Number Of Limited Compliance Inspections Completed	122	122
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: MANAGEMENT CONSULTATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of On-Site Mental Health Trainings Provided to Jails	60	60
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Mental Health Training Visit	460	460
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: AUDITING POPULATION AND COSTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Paper-ready Forms Analyzed	3,048	3,048

2. **Appropriation: Inspection Fees.** The Commission on Jail Standards is appropriated in Strategy A.1.1, Inspection and Enforcement, fees collected to pay only the cost incurred by the Commission in performing inspections pursuant to Government Code, Section 511.0091 (estimated to be \$5,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and included in the amounts appropriated above).
3. **Maternal Health and Mortality Report.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for Strategy A.3.1, Auditing Population and Costs, is \$125,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$125,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 to be used for no other purpose than to provide funds for a report on Maternal Health and Mortality in Texas jails. The report should include the following:

- (1) The nature and use of restraints on pregnant inmates;
- (2) Mental health indicators;
- (3) Prenatal Care;
- (4) Mortality rates by cause of death;

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- (5) Acute complications;
- (6) Birth rates;
- (7) Number of postpartum exams;
- (8) Average wait time for postpartum exam;
- (9) Regionality of inmates;
- (10) Type and level of offenses; and
- (11) Any additional information that the Commission deems appropriate.

The agency shall submit the report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, the House Committee on Corrections, and the House Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs no later than December 1, 2026.

**4. Continuity of Care Query Report.** Included in funds appropriated above to the Commission on Jail Standards for Strategy A.3.1, Auditing Population and Costs, is \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to be used for no other purpose than for the commission to complete quarterly reports on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) and CCQ data that has been collected. Not later than December 1, 2026, TCJS should make a report summarizing the data and making recommendations to the legislature on ways to help improve CCQ matches. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 526,407,475	\$ 453,738,820
Federal Funds	\$ 7,838,159	\$ 7,838,159
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,169,465	\$ 1,169,465
Interagency Contracts	691,000	691,000
Interagency Contracts - Transfer from Foundation School Fund No. 193	13,103,079	13,103,079
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 14,963,544	\$ 14,963,544
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 549,209,178</u>	<u>\$ 476,540,523</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	2,225.3	2,225.3
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 8	\$237,802	\$237,802
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> COMMUNITY JUVENILE JUSTICE		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION	\$ 3,012,177	\$ 3,012,177
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BASIC PROBATION SERVICES	115,421,010	119,169,631
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY PROGRAMS	43,679,896	43,679,896
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> PRE & POST ADJUDICATION FACILITIES	102,040,196	37,540,196
Pre and Post Adjudication Facilities.		

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<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> COMMITMENT DIVERSION INITIATIVES	19,492,500	19,492,500
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE ED Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.	5,937,500	5,937,500
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS	14,178,353	14,178,353
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> REGIONAL DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES	27,536,540	27,536,540
<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> PROBATION SYSTEM SUPPORT	<u>5,364,460</u>	<u>2,864,460</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> COMMUNITY JUVENILE JUSTICE	\$ 336,662,632	\$ 273,411,253
<b>B. Goal:</b> STATE SERVICES AND FACILITIES		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ASSESSMENT, ORIENTATION, PLACEMENT Assessment, Orientation, and Placement.	\$ 1,855,141	\$ 1,855,141
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> FACILITY OPERATIONS AND OVERHEAD	26,820,704	26,820,704
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> FACILITY SUPERVISION & FOOD SERVICE Facility Supervision and Food Service.	78,848,200	78,405,656
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> EDUCATION	17,637,903	17,637,903
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> ALTS TO STATE SECURE PLACEMENT Alternatives to State Secure Placement.	6,601,113	6,601,113
<b>B.1.6. Strategy:</b> HEALTH CARE	12,033,708	12,033,708
<b>B.1.7. Strategy:</b> INTEGRATED BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT	19,519,635	18,519,635
<b>B.1.8. Strategy:</b> RESIDENTIAL SYSTEM SUPPORT	4,818,632	4,818,632
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> CONSTRUCT AND RENOVATE FACILITIES	<u>4,007,140</u>	<u>468,290</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> STATE SERVICES AND FACILITIES	\$ 172,142,176	\$ 167,160,782
<b>C. Goal:</b> PAROLE SERVICES		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE DIRECT SUPRVSN & REENTRY SVS Parole Direct Supervision and Reentry Services.	\$ 2,938,537	\$ 2,909,323
<b>D. Goal:</b> OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT OMBUDSMAN		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT OMBUDSMAN	\$ 1,648,317	\$ 1,648,317
<b>E. Goal:</b> JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION	\$ 3,238,351	\$ 3,238,351
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> MONITORING AND INSPECTIONS	2,649,418	2,649,418
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> INTERSTATE AGREEMENT	<u>270,083</u>	<u>270,083</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM	\$ 6,157,852	\$ 6,157,852
<b>F. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 8,980,651	\$ 8,980,651
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	<u>7,248,550</u>	<u>5,784,382</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 16,229,201	\$ 14,765,033
<b>G. Goal:</b> OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	<u>\$ 13,430,463</u>	<u>\$ 10,487,963</u>
<b>Grand Total, JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT</b>	<u><u>\$ 549,209,178</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 476,540,523</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 145,777,948	\$ 145,748,734
Other Personnel Costs	5,925,346	5,925,346
Professional Fees and Services	18,930,260	15,430,260
Fuels and Lubricants	583,576	583,576
Consumable Supplies	1,175,354	1,175,354
Utilities	3,532,660	3,532,660
Travel	1,400,177	1,400,177
Rent - Building	765,184	765,184
Rent - Machine and Other	543,543	543,543
Other Operating Expense	31,072,096	26,222,884
Client Services	1,663,485	1,663,485
Food for Persons - Wards of State	2,724,527	2,724,527

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Grants	331,298,172	270,546,793
Capital Expenditures	<u>3,816,850</u>	<u>278,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 549,209,178</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 476,540,523</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 12,880,884	\$ 12,980,472
Group Insurance	31,776,546	32,666,063
Social Security	11,497,686	11,588,345
Benefits Replacement	<u>13,958</u>	<u>11,348</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 56,169,074	\$ 57,246,228
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 3,746,816	\$ 3,517,261
Lease Payments	<u>1,318,232</u>	<u>1,417,464</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u><u>\$ 5,065,048</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,934,725</u></u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 61,234,122</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 62,180,953</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Juvenile Justice Department. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Juvenile Justice Department. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Juvenile Justice Department shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: COMMUNITY JUVENILE JUSTICE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Rate of Successful Completion of Deferred Prosecution	84%	84%
Rate of Successful Completion of Court-ordered Probation	82%	82%
Re-Referral Rate	14%	14%
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: BASIC PROBATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Cost Per Formal Referral to Local Juvenile Probation Departments	1,940.28	1,940.28
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Formal Referrals	54,000	54,000
<b>A.1.5. Strategy: COMMITMENT DIVERSION INITIATIVES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population in Commitment Diversion Initiatives	700	700
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average State Cost Per Day Per Juvenile in Commitment Diversion Initiatives	76.29	76.29
<b>A.1.6. Strategy: JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE ED</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Mandatory Students Entering Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs	1,250	1,250
Mandatory Student Attendance Days in JJAEP during the Regular School Year	69,041	69,041
<b>A.1.8. Strategy: REGIONAL DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Individual Regional Diversion Plans Submitted by Juvenile Probation Departments and Approved by the Agency (Each Plan Represents One Juvenile)	275	275
<b>B. Goal: STATE SERVICES AND FACILITIES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Total Number of New Admissions to the Juvenile Justice Department	600	600
Diploma or High School Equivalency Rate (JJD-operated Schools)	30%	30%
Percent Improved Reading Grade Level at Release	30%	30%

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Turnover Rate of Juvenile Correctional Officers	40%	40%
Rearrest/Re-referral Rate	45%	45%
One-year Rearrest/Re-referral Rate for Violent Felony Offenses	18%	18%
One-year Rearrest/Re-referral Rate for Offenses As or More Severe Than Committing Offense	25%	25%
Reincarceration Rate: within One Year	25%	25%
Reincarceration Rate: within Three Years	40%	40%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ASSESSMENT, ORIENTATION, PLACEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population: Assessment and Orientation	60	60
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> FACILITY SUPERVISION & FOOD SERVICE		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population: State Operated Secure Correctional Facilities	792	787
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Juveniles Under JCO Direct Supervision Per Shift	8	8
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> EDUCATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Attendance in JJD-operated Schools	752	748
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> ALTS TO STATE SECURE PLACEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population: Halfway House Programs	50	50
Average Daily Population: Contract Programs	8	8
<b>B.1.7. Strategy:</b> INTEGRATED BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population: General Rehabilitation Treatment	752	747
Average Daily Population: Specialized Treatment	426	423
<b>C. Goal:</b> PAROLE SERVICES		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PAROLE DIRECT SUPRVSN & REENTRY SVS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Daily Population: Parole	166	163
<b>G. Goal:</b> OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Completed Criminal Investigative Cases	2,750	2,750
The Number of Completed Investigations of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Allegations in JJD Community Registered Detention and Secure Placement Facilities or Other Programs and Facilities Operated under the Authority of the Juvenile Board Investigated by the County Investigation Unit of the Administrative Investigation Division during the Reporting Period	350	350
The Number of Completed Investigations of Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Allegations and Administrative Allegations Involving JJD Employees, JJD-Operated or Contracted Facilities, or at County-Operated Programs and Facilities Investigated by the State Investigation Unit of the Administrative Investigation Division during the Reporting Period	900	900
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Allegations Reported to the Office of the Inspector General	16,500	16,500
Number of JJD Juveniles Taken into Custody by OIG Staff Following the Issuance of a JJD Directive to Apprehend for Escape or Absconding from a State-Operated Correctional Contracted or Correctional Facility	25	25

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) 33-Electrical	\$ 3,538,850	\$ 0
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Usage of Body-worn Cameras	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
(2) 100-Modernization of Information Technology and Equipment Refresh	379,168	0
(3) 104-Infrastructure Refresh	<u>500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 2,879,168	\$ 2,000,000
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 2,520,000	\$ 2,520,000
d. Cybersecurity		
(1) 107-Cybersecurity Improvements	\$ 585,000	\$ 0
e. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Connect Upgrades	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
(2) Juvenile Probation App Modernization	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Legacy Modernization	<u>\$ 3,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 13,023,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,520,000</u></u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 13,023,018</u>	<u>\$ 4,520,000</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 13,023,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,520,000</u></u>

- 3. Appropriation of Other Agency Funds.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategies B.1.3, Facility Supervision and Food Service, and B.1.4, Education, are Appropriated Receipts from unexpended balances remaining in Independent School District Funds (not to exceed \$155,000), the Student Benefit Fund (not to exceed \$140,000), and the Canteen Revolving Funds (not to exceed \$7,500). Any gifts, grants, and donations as of August 31, 2025, and August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0), and any revenues accruing to those funds are appropriated to those funds for the succeeding fiscal years. Funds collected by vocational training shops at Juvenile Justice Department facilities, including unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, (not to exceed \$21,000), are appropriated for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining parts, tools, and other supplies necessary for the operation of those shops.
- 4. Revolving Funds.** The Juvenile Justice Department may establish out of any funds appropriated a revolving fund not to exceed \$10,000 in the Central Office, and \$10,000 in each institution, field office, or facility under its direction. Payments from these revolving funds may be made as directed by the department. Reimbursement to such revolving funds shall be made out of appropriations provided for in this Article.
- 5. Student Employment.** Subject to the approval of the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD), students residing in any JJD facility may be assigned necessary duties in the operations of the facility and be paid on a limited basis out of any funds available to the respective institutions or facility not to exceed \$50,000 per year for each institution and \$10,000 per year for any other facility.
- 6. Appropriation and Tracking of Title IV-E Receipts.** The provisions of Title IV-E of the Social Security Act shall be used in order to increase funds available for juvenile justice services. The Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall certify to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services that federal financial participation can be claimed for Title IV-E services provided by counties. JJD shall direct necessary general revenue funding to ensure that the federal match for the Title IV-E Social Security Act is maximized for use by participating counties. Such federal receipts are appropriated to JJD for the purpose of reimbursing counties for services provided to eligible children. In accordance with Article IX, Part 13 of this Act, when reporting Federal Funds to the Legislative Budget Board, JJD must report funds expended in the fiscal year that funds are disbursed to counties, regardless of the year in which the claim was made by the county, received by JJD, or certified by JJD.

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- 7. Federal Foster Care Claims.** Out of appropriations made above, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the Juvenile Justice Department shall document possible foster care claims for children in juvenile justice programs and maintain an interagency agreement to implement strategies and responsibilities necessary to claim additional federal foster care funding; and consult with juvenile officials from other states and national experts in designing better foster care funding initiatives.
- 8. Employee Medical Care.** Appropriations made in this Act for the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) not otherwise restricted in use may also be expended to provide medical attention by medical staff and infirmaries at JJD facilities, or to pay necessary medical expenses, including the cost of broken eyeglasses and other health aids, for employees injured while performing the duties of any hazardous position which is not reimbursed by workers' compensation and/or employees' state insurance. For the purpose of this section, "hazardous position" shall mean one for which the regular and normal duties inherently involve the risk or peril of bodily injury or harm. Appropriations made in this Act not otherwise restricted in use may also be expended for medical tests and procedures on employees that are required by federal or state law or regulations when the tests or procedures are required as a result of the employee's job assignment or when considered necessary due to potential or existing litigation.
- 9. Safety.** In instances in which regular employees of facilities operated by the Juvenile Justice Department are assigned extra duties on special tactics and response teams, supplementary payments, not to exceed \$200 per month for team leaders and \$150 per month for team members, are authorized in addition to the salary rates stipulated by the provisions of Article IX of this Act relating to the position classifications and assigned salary ranges.

**10. Charges to Employees and Visitors.**

- (a) Collections for services rendered to Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) employees and visitors shall be made by a deduction from the recipient's salary or by cash payment in advance. Such deductions and other receipts for these services from employees and visitors are appropriated to the facility. Refunds of excess collections shall be made from the appropriation to which the collection was deposited.
- (b) As compensation for services rendered and notwithstanding any other provision in this Act, any facility under the jurisdiction of JJD may provide free meals for food service personnel and volunteer workers and may furnish housing facilities, meals, and laundry service in exchange for services rendered by interns, chaplains in training, student nurses, and juvenile correctional officers.

- 11. Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP).** Funds transferred to the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) pursuant to Texas Education Agency (TEA) Rider 26 and appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs, shall be allocated as follows: Fifteen percent at the beginning of each fiscal year to be distributed on the basis of juvenile age population among the mandated counties identified in Education Code, Chapter 37.

The remaining funds shall be allocated for distribution to the counties mandated by Education Code, Section 37.011(a), at the rate of \$96 per student per day of attendance in the JJAEP for students who are expelled under Education Code, Section 37.007. Counties are not eligible to receive these funds until the funds initially allocated at the beginning of each fiscal year have been expended at the rate of \$96 per student per day of attendance. Counties in which populations exceed 72,000 but are 125,000 or less, may participate in the JJAEP and are eligible for state reimbursement at the rate of \$96 per student per day.

JJD may expend any remaining funds for summer school programs. Funds may be used for any student assigned to a JJAEP. Summer school expenditures may not exceed ten percent of appropriation.

Unexpended balances in fiscal year 2026 shall be appropriated to fiscal year 2027 for the same purposes in Strategy A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs.

The amount of \$96 per student per day for the JJAEP is an estimated amount and not intended to be an entitlement. Appropriations for JJAEP are limited to the amounts transferred from the Foundation School Program pursuant to TEA Rider 26. The amount of \$96 per student per day may vary depending on the total number of students actually attending the JJAEPs. Any unexpended or unobligated appropriations shall lapse at the end of fiscal year 2027 to the



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Foundation School Fund No. 193. If the daily mandatory attendance reimbursement rate falls below \$86 per day due to increased days of attendance (the rate established for the 2014-15 school year), TEA will increase appropriated funds to JJD to provide a minimum reimbursement of \$86 per attendance day.

JJD may reduce, suspend, or withhold JJAEP funds to counties that do not comply with standards, accountability measures, or Education Code, Chapter 37.

**12. Funding for Additional Eligible Students in JJAEPs.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs, a maximum of \$500,000 in each fiscal year (for a maximum of 90 attendance days per child), is allocated for counties with a population of at least 72,000 which operate a JJAEP under the standards of Education Code, Chapter 37. The county is eligible to receive funding from the Juvenile Justice Department at the rate of \$96 per day per student for students who are required to be expelled under Education Code, Section 37.007, and who are expelled from a school district in a county that does not operate a JJAEP.

**13. JJAEP Accountability.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP), the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall ensure that JJAEPs are held accountable for student academic and behavioral success. JJD shall submit a performance assessment report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by May 1, 2026. The report shall include the following:

- (a) an assessment of the degree to which each JJAEP enhanced the academic performance and behavioral improvement of attending students;
- (b) a detailed discussion on the use of standard measures used to compare program formats and to identify those JJAEPs most successful with attending students;
- (c) student passage rates on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) in the areas of reading and math for students enrolled in the JJAEP for a period of 75 days or longer;
- (d) standardized cost reports from each JJAEP and their contracting independent school district(s) to determine differing cost factors and actual costs per each JJAEP program by school year;
- (e) average cost per student attendance day for JJAEP students. The cost per day information shall include an itemization of the costs of providing educational services mandated in the Education Code, Section 37.011. This itemization shall separate the costs of mandated educational services from the cost of all other services provided in JJAEPs. Mandated educational services include facilities, staff, and instructional materials specifically related to the services mandated in Education Code, Section 37.011. All other services include, but are not limited to, programs such as family, group, and individual counseling, military-style training, substance abuse counseling, and parenting programs for parents of program youth; and
- (f) inclusion of a comprehensive five-year strategic plan for the continuing evaluation of JJAEPs which shall include oversight guidelines to improve: school district compliance with minimum program and accountability standards, attendance reporting, consistent collection of costs and program data, training, and technical assistance needs.

**14. Appropriation Transfers between Fiscal Years.** In addition to the transfer authority provided elsewhere in this Act, the Juvenile Justice Department may transfer appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund made for fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 subject to the following conditions provided by this section:

- (a) Transfers under this section may be made only if (1) juvenile correctional populations exceed appropriated areas of daily population targets or (2) for any other emergency expenditure, including expenditures necessitated by public calamity;
- (b) A transfer authorized by this section must receive prior approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board; and

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- (c) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall cooperate as necessary to assist the completion of a transfer and spending under this section.

**15. State-owned Housing Authorized.** The chief superintendent and the assistant superintendent are authorized to live in state-owned housing at a rate determined by the department. Other Juvenile Justice Department employees may live in state-owned housing as set forth in Article IX, Section 11.02, Reporting Related to State Owned Housing, of this Act. Fees for employee housing are appropriated to be used for maintaining employee housing and shall at least cover the agency cost of maintenance and utilities for the housing provided.

**16. Unexpended Balances - Hold Harmless Provision.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy A.1.2, Basic Probation Supervision (estimated to be \$400,000), above are appropriated to the Juvenile Justice Department in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of providing funding for juvenile probation departments whose allocation would otherwise be affected as a result of reallocations related to population shifts.

**17. Appropriation: Refunds of Unexpended Balances from Local Juvenile Probation Departments.** The Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall ensure that the agency is refunded all unexpended and unencumbered balances of state funds held as of the close of each fiscal year by local juvenile probation departments. Any unexpended balances of probation department refunds as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to JJD for the purpose of providing grants to local probation departments in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. All fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 refunds received from local juvenile probation departments by JJD (Appropriated Receipts, estimated to be \$0) are appropriated above in A.1.1, Prevention and Intervention, A.1.2, Basic Probation Services, A.1.3, Community Programs, A.1.4, Pre and Post Adjudication Facilities, Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs, A.1.7, Mental Health Services Grants, or A.1.8, Regional Diversion Alternatives. Any unexpended balances of probation department refunds as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to JJD for the purpose of providing grants to local juvenile probation departments in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**18. Salaries, Education Professionals.**

- (a) Each principal, supervisor, and classroom teacher employed in a facility operated by the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall receive a monthly salary to be computed as follows: The applicable monthly salary rate specified in Education Code, Section 21.402, as amended, shall be multiplied by ten to arrive at a ten month salary rate. Such rate shall be divided by the number of days required in Education Code, Section 21.401, for 10-month employees, and the resulting daily rate shall be multiplied by the number of on-duty days required of JJD educators, resulting in the adjusted annual salary. The adjusted annual salary is to be divided by 12 to arrive at the monthly rate. Salary rates for educational aides commencing employment before September 1, 1999, shall be calculated in the same manner, using 60 percent of the salary rate specified in Education Code, Section 21.402.
- (b) JJD may authorize a salary rate above the adjusted annual salary determined in the formula provided by Section a.
- (c) There is appropriated to JJD from any unexpended balances on hand as of August 31, 2026, funds necessary to meet the requirements of this section in fiscal year 2027 in the event adjustments are made in the salary rates specified in the Education Code.

**19. Training for GED and Reading Skills.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Education, the Juvenile Justice Department shall prioritize teaching students to read at grade level and preparation for the GED in its educational program. A report containing statistical information regarding student performance on the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on or before December 1, 2026.

**20. Salary Adjustment Authorized.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Juvenile Justice Department may adjust salaries and pay an additional shift differential so long as the resulting salary rate does not exceed the rate designated as the maximum rate for the applicable salary group of Juvenile Correctional Officers I, Juvenile Correctional Officers II, Juvenile Correctional Officers III, Juvenile Correctional Officers IV, Juvenile Correctional Officers V, and Juvenile Correctional Officers VI to rates within the designated salary group for the purpose of recruiting, employing, and retaining career juvenile correctional personnel. A shift differential

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may be provided based off facility geographic location, facility classification, and for evening, night, or weekend shifts. Merit raises are permitted for all Juvenile Correctional Officers who are not receiving or are no longer eligible to receive step adjustments in the career ladder system.

- 21. Appropriations Prohibited for Purposes of Payment to Certain Employees.** None of the appropriations made by this Act to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) may be distributed to or used to pay an employee of TJJD who is required to register as a sex offender under Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 62, or has been convicted of an offense described in Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 42A.054.
- 22. Managed Health Care and Mental Health Services Contract(s).** Out of funds appropriated above, the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall develop and manage a provider contract, or contracts, to deliver the most effective managed health care and mental health (psychiatric) services for the best value. Potential service providers shall not be entitled to pass-through funding from JJD appropriations.
- 23. JJAEP Disaster Compensation.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs, the Juvenile Justice Department may compensate a mandatory JJAEP for missed mandatory student attendance days in which disaster, flood, extreme weather condition, or other calamity has a significant effect on the program's attendance.
- 24. Reporting Requirements to the Legislative Budget Board.** From funds appropriated above, the Juvenile Justice Department shall maintain a specific accountability system for tracking funds targeted at making a positive impact on youth. JJD shall implement a tracking and monitoring system so that the use of all funds appropriated can be specifically identified and reported to the Legislative Budget Board. In addition to any other requests for information, the agency shall produce an annual report on the following information for the previous fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Board by December 1st of each year:
  - (a) The report shall include detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, and effectiveness information on all funds appropriated in Goal A, Community Juvenile Justice. The report shall include information on the impact of any new initiatives and all programs tracked by JJD. Required elements include, but are not limited to, prevention and intervention programs, residential placements, enhanced community-based services for serious and chronic felons such as sex offender treatment, intensive supervision, and specialized supervision, community-based services for misdemeanants no longer eligible for commitment to the Juvenile Justice Department, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, and Regional Diversion Alternatives.
  - (b) The report shall include information on all training, inspection, monitoring, investigation, and technical assistance activities conducted using funds appropriated in Goals A and E. Required elements include training conferences held, practitioners trained, facilities inspected, and investigations conducted.
  - (c) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must be accompanied by supporting documentation detailing the sources and methodologies utilized to assess program effectiveness and any other supporting material specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
  - (d) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain a certification by the person submitting the report that the information provided is true and correct based upon information and belief together with supporting documentation.
  - (e) The annual report submitted to the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to this provision must contain information on each program receiving funds from Strategy A.1.1, Prevention and Intervention, including all outcome measures reported by each program and information on how funds were expended by each program.

In addition to the annual report described above, the Juvenile Justice Department shall report juvenile probation population data as requested by the Legislative Budget Board on a monthly basis for the most recent month available. JJD shall report to the Legislative Budget Board on all populations specified by the Legislative Budget Board, including additions, releases, and end-of-month populations. End of fiscal year data shall be submitted indicating each reporting county to the Legislative Budget Board no later than two months after the close of each fiscal year. JJD will

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use Legislative Budget Board population projections for probation supervision and state correctional populations when developing its legislative appropriations request for the 2028-2029 biennium.

Upon the request of the Legislative Budget Board, the Juvenile Justice Department shall report expenditure data by strategy, program, or in any other format requested, including substrategy expenditure detail.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds appropriated by this Act to JJD in Goal F, Indirect Administration, if the Legislative Budget Board certifies to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that JJD is not in compliance with any of the provisions of this Section.

- 25. Commitment Diversion Initiatives.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, \$19,492,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$19,492,500 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027, may be expended only for the purposes of providing programs for the diversion of youth from the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD). The programs may include residential, community-based, family, and aftercare programs. The allocation of State funding for the program is not to exceed a daily rate based on the level of care the juvenile receives. JJD shall ensure that the State is refunded all unexpended and unencumbered balances of State funds at the end of each fiscal year.

These funds shall not be used by local juvenile probation departments for salary increases or costs associated with the employment of staff hired prior to September 1, 2009.

JJD shall require juvenile probation departments participating in the diversion program to report to JJD regarding the use of funds within thirty business days after the end of each quarter. JJD shall report to the Legislative Budget Board regarding the use of the funds within thirty business days after receipt of each county's quarterly report. Items to be included in the report include, but are not limited to, the amount of funds expended, the number of youth served by the program, the percent of youth successfully completing the program, the types of programming for which the funds were used, the types of services provided to youth served by the program, the average actual cost per youth participating in the program, the rates of recidivism of program participants, the number of youth committed to JJD, any consecutive length of time over six months a juvenile served by the diversion program resides in a secure corrections facility, and the number of juveniles transferred to criminal court under Family Code, Section 54.02.

JJD shall maintain a mechanism for tracking youth served by the diversion program to determine the long-term success for diverting youth from state juvenile correctional incarceration and the adult criminal justice system. A report on the program's results shall be included in the report that is required under JJD Rider 25, Reporting Requirements to the Legislative Budget Board, to be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board by December 1st of each year. In the report, JJD shall report the cost per day and average daily population of all programs funded by Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, for the previous fiscal year.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of funds appropriated by this Act to JJD in Goal F, Indirect Administration, if the Legislative Budget Board certifies to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that JJD is not in compliance with any of the provisions of this Section.

- 26. Mental Health Services Grants.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.7, Mental Health Services Grants, is \$14,178,353 in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,178,353 in fiscal year 2027 to fund mental health services provided by local juvenile probation departments. Funds subject to this provision shall be used by local juvenile probation departments only for providing mental health services to juvenile offenders. Funds subject to this provision may not be utilized for administrative expenses of local juvenile probation departments nor may they be used to supplant local funding.
- 27. Youth Transport.** In instances in which Juvenile Correctional Officers of facilities operated by the Juvenile Justice Department are assigned duties to transport youth between locations, supplementary payments, not to exceed \$30 per day during which the employee performs such duties, are authorized in addition to the salary rates stipulated by the provisions of Article IX of this Act relating to the position classification and assigned salary ranges.

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**28. Harris County Leadership Academy.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Pre and Post-Adjudication Facilities, the amount of \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year shall be expended for the Harris County Leadership Academy.

**29. Office of the Independent Ombudsman and Office of the Inspector General.** From funds appropriated above, the Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall not transfer appropriations from Strategy D.1.1, Office of the Independent Ombudsman (OIO), and Strategy G.1.1, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), without prior written approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. JJD shall not reduce the number of full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) allocated to the OIO (13.0 FTEs) and OIG (116.4 FTEs) without prior written approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.

JJD shall provide indirect support and administrative resources as necessary to enable OIO and OIG to fulfill statutory responsibilities, and the manner in which they are provided shall not infringe on the independence of those offices.

Budget requests or other requests related to the General Appropriations Act provisions shall be submitted by JJD in a manner that maintains the independence of the OIO and OIG.

**30. Non-Profit Pilot Programs.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Community Programs, is \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to establish and operate pilot programs in Harris, Hidalgo, and Cameron counties administered by non-profits that provide trauma-informed counseling and life-skills and hands-on vocational training for youth, including those who were previously committed to state correctional custody in the Juvenile Justice Department. The non-profit must be supported by the counties.

**31. Prevention, Intervention, and Commitment Diversion.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Prevention and Intervention, are to continue programs and services designated to keep youth from having formal contact with the juvenile system.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion, are to continue providing juvenile probation departments the ability to operate basic supervision, community and health programs, and place youth within their communities.

**32. Harris County Front-End Multisystemic Therapy Team.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Community Programs, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2027 shall be used to continue a front-end Multisystemic Therapy (MST) team in Harris County to prevent youth and adolescents from entering the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Not later than November 30, 2026, JJD shall submit a performance report to the Legislative Budget Board that includes standard measures to assess the success of the program, including the number of youth and adolescents who have been diverted from the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

**33. Urban County Admissions.** The Juvenile Justice Department (JJD) shall collaborate with urban counties with a juvenile population of 100,000 or greater regarding the possibility of housing some or all of its own JJD admissions, including provision of funds, treatment, services, and monitoring. The agency may use funds appropriated above to contract with urban counties to provide these services.

**34. El Paso Front-End Multisystemic Therapy Team.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Community Programs, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal year 2027 shall be used to continue a front-end Multisystemic Therapy (MST) team in El Paso County to prevent youth and adolescents from entering the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

Not later than November 30, 2026, JJD shall submit a performance report to the Legislative Budget Board that includes standard measures to assess the success of the program, including the number of youth and adolescents who have been diverted from the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

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- 35. Human Resources Management Plan.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall develop a Human Resources Management Plan designed to improve employee morale and retention. The plan must focus on reducing employee turnover through better management. TJJD shall report by October 1 of each year to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Governor. Each report shall include, at a minimum and for at least the preceding twelve months, the following information by job category: employee turnover rate, percent workers retained six months after completion of training, and employee tenure. The effectiveness of TJJD's plan shall be measured by whether there is a reduction in employee turnover rates at the agency, specifically by the reduction in the turnover rates for juvenile correctional officers.
- 36. Appropriation for Salary Increase for Local Juvenile Probation Departments.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Basic Probation Services, the Juvenile Justice Department is appropriated \$34,302,034 in fiscal year 2026 and \$34,302,034 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in order to maintain pay increases for Juvenile Probation Officers, Juvenile Supervision Officers, Supervisory Administrators, and Chiefs at local juvenile probation departments. Salary increases were allocated to provide a 5.0 percent increase in annual salary with a minimum of \$3,000 per annum increase in salary, to begin on September 1, 2023, and another increase in annual salary to occur on September 1, 2024, consisting of an additional 5.0 percent increase with a minimum of \$3,000 per annum increase in salary. Appropriations include amounts needed for payroll-based benefits.
- 37. Construction of Facilities.** From amounts appropriated during the 2024-25 biennium, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall construct a minimum of 200 beds in new state facility capacity. Newly constructed facilities may include services and appropriate physical features to serve youth with acute mental health needs, youth exhibiting highly aggressive or violent behavior, and provide necessary mental health, counseling, therapy and other services to rehabilitate youth and to provide appropriate workforce development training for youth as appropriate.
- Out of funds appropriated above, TJJD shall:
- (a) develop a plan for the ongoing operations of the current and new state-operated juvenile correctional facilities and submit the plan in writing, not later than December 31, 2025, to the Offices of the Lt. Governor, Speaker, Sunset Advisory Commission, Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee. The plan shall:
    - (1) indicate a long-term plan for youth residential placements in each currently open facility based on youth needs and available community and TJJD facility resources; and
    - (2) provide an identification and assessment plan for youth that will be eligible for transfer or placement in new facilities.
  - (b) submit a report no less than quarterly per fiscal year regarding the status of each new facility's progress, plan, and timeline to the Legislative Budget Board, the offices of the Lt. Governor, Speaker, Senate Finance Committee, and House Appropriations Committee. The report shall:
    - (1) identify a timeline for completion for each facility, what activities or operations have been completed, and what activities or operations are not yet complete; and
    - (2) provide detailed reporting on all expended appropriations as well as projected expenses based on the timeline.
- 38. Special Education Reporting.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall develop and maintain a system for tracking special education and dyslexia services as required under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. § 1400 (2004), Part B, to ensure that all students committed to TJJD receive a free and appropriate public education. To meet this goal, TJJD shall submit a report including data and information on special education and dyslexia programming to the Legislative Budget Board by August 31, 2026. The report shall include the following sections and information:

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(a) Special Education Services Reporting requirements

- (1) student demographic and special program information;
- (2) documents provided by previous school district or campus;
- (3) description of “child find” system used at intake to evaluate youth entering TJJD;
- (4) type of assessments performed and frequency of assessments;
- (5) number of students eligible for reevaluation per fiscal year (as prescribed by IDEA, reevaluations should be completed no less than triennially);
- (6) detailed description of modification to preexisting Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), 504 Plans, or Behavioral Intervention Plans (BIPs);
- (7) development and implementation plan for behavioral intervention services at each facility;
- (8) curriculum plans and varying educational interventions for various disabilities;
- (9) data on classroom removals, minutes in and out of general instructional setting;
- (10) professional development plan and programming for staff for writing and developing IEPs, BIPs, 504s, including transition plan writing;
- (11) data and documentation on parent/guardian communication (or attempted communication) regarding the Admission, Determination, and Review (ARD) process; and
- (12) data and documentation on number of minutes provided to youth for each educational setting (resource room, counseling, general education, interventions)

If any data or information is not available or is in development, the agency shall include the development and implementation plan for future reporting.

(b) Dyslexia Services Reporting requirements:

- (1) student demographic data for juveniles identified with dyslexia;
- (2) description of dyslexia screening protocols used at TJJD intake, including the use of a standardized or respected dyslexia screening tool aligned with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Dyslexia Handbook;
- (3) number and percentage of students screened for dyslexia upon entry into TJJD facilities;
- (4) type and frequency of dyslexia assessments conducted, including but not limited to:
  - (A) techniques such as telehealth assessments with dyslexia specialists;
  - (B) expert consultations with universities, medical institutions, and dyslexia researchers; and
  - (C) advanced screening tools beyond traditional intake evaluations
- (5) comparison of screening results with prior school records, including IEPs or 504 Plans that reference dyslexia;
- (6) implementation of a tiered intervention framework to ensure appropriate dyslexia services based on individual student needs, including:
  - (A) small-group instruction for mild cases;
  - (B) specialized dyslexia tutoring for moderate cases; and

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- (C) one-on-one intervention for students with severe dyslexia-related challenges
- (7) number of students receiving dyslexia-specific interventions, along with data on instructional minutes provided for support;
- (8) identification of barriers to dyslexia diagnosis and support within the juvenile justice system;
- (9) evaluation of existing dyslexia intervention programs at TJJD facilities, including their effectiveness and accessibility;
- (10) training programs developed for TJJD staff to improve dyslexia identification and support, including annual professional development with certified dyslexia specialists;
- (11) integration of assistive technology, such as text-to-speech software, audiobooks, and dyslexia-friendly digital tools, to enhance instruction for students with dyslexia;
- (12) pilot program results from select TJJD facilities implementing enhanced dyslexia screening and interventions, including measurable improvements in literacy outcomes;
- (13) a post-release follow-up process to track whether youth identified with dyslexia in TJJD continue to receive appropriate interventions and accommodations in their home school districts or alternative placements;
- (14) establishment of a Dyslexia Program Coordinator within TJJD to oversee screening, intervention, staff training, and compliance with state reporting requirements; and
- (15) a formal partnership between TJJD and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) Dyslexia Division to align dyslexia intervention strategies and ensure consistent application of best practices across facilities.
- (16) Implementation and Policy Action Requirement: the findings from the annual dyslexia report shall be used to enact meaningful policy and programmatic changes within TJJD. Upon submission of the report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Texas Legislature, TJJD shall:
  - (A) review the findings to determine the effectiveness of current dyslexia identification and intervention efforts;
  - (B) identify any gaps or areas of improvement within dyslexia screening, assessment, and intervention;
  - (C) develop an action plan to address deficiencies or confirm the efficacy of existing programs;
  - (D) incorporate necessary changes into TJJD's educational policies, staff training, and facility procedures to improve dyslexia services; and
  - (E) submit a supplemental implementation plan alongside the annual report that outlines steps taken to enact recommendations, including proposed budgetary needs or legislative action.
- (17) If the study finds that current dyslexia screening and intervention efforts are effective, TJJD shall document and formalize these best practices for permanent implementation across all facilities to the extent of their authority.

**39. Use of Foundation School Program Allotments.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Education, is an estimated amount of \$7,165,579 for fiscal year 2026 and an estimated amount of \$7,165,579 in fiscal year 2027 from Other Funds for the purpose of entering into interagency contracts to fund educational programming in TJJD state facilities. TJJD shall create and submit an implementation plan for the use and distribution of allotments in accordance with the Education Code, Sections 48.051, 48.102, 48.103, 48.104, 48.105, and 48.106 and the Texas Education Agency Rider 27, FSP Funding for the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.



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The implementation plan shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board no later than October 1, 2025, and include details on the agency's plan for expending funds provided pursuant to this rider. Information should include, at a minimum, the following information for each specific allotment provided:

- (1) position titles, salary schedule group, salary, and any relevant certification of Full-Time Equivalents funded pursuant to this rider;
- (2) program costs delineated by instructional materials, including online and hard copy materials;
- (3) additional program costs; and
- (4) measures of program effectiveness, including student achievement and teacher growth.

**40. Appropriation for Salary Increase for Direct Care Staff.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Facility Supervision and Food Service, is \$8,336,953 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,336,953 in fiscal year 2027, and Strategy B.1.7, Integrated Behavior Management is \$1,320,004 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,320,004 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds to provide a salary increase for direct care staff, including Juvenile Correctional Officers.

**41. Harris County Youth Diversion Center.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.5, Commitment Diversion Initiatives, is \$345,074 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,380,296 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund, which shall be used for continuing operations of the Harris County Youth Diversion Center.

**42. Dyslexia Services at State Secure Facilities.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.4, Education, is \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund intended by the Legislature to be used to establish a dyslexia and reading disabilities services pilot program to improve the identification, evaluation, and intervention of youth with dyslexia and other reading disabilities through:

- (a) hiring additional specialists trained in the identification of reading disabilities and dyslexia;
- (b) contracting with licensed reading specialists, dyslexia specialists, or universities;
- (c) expanding telehealth-based evaluations for screenings;
- (d) developing standardized intake screening procedures;
- (e) providing intervention services; and
- (f) collecting and analyzing data on student progress.

Not later than December 31, 2026, TJJD shall submit a report to the legislature containing information on program findings, effectiveness of interventions, identification of gaps and areas for improvement, and recommendations for improvement.

Any unexpended and unencumbered funds from fiscal year 2026 may be used for the same purpose in fiscal year 2027. The program and funding shall expire on December 31, 2027.

**43. Juvenile State Facility Consolidation and Youth Transition Audit.** Out of funds appropriated above, the department shall conduct a census to identify all youth on indeterminate sentences who have been housed within state secure facilities for six months or less. Following the identification of these youth, the department shall develop a transition plan that:

- (a) Transfers custody of eligible youth from state secure facilities to county residential or outpatient facilities within a one year period;
- (b) Prioritizes the youth's placement in their original county of residence;
- (c) Ensures that the care provided within the county residential or outpatient facilities is a comparable level of care, meets the specific needs of each youth, and does not exceed the capacity of the county facility; and

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(d) Identifies any legal, statutory, or capacity impediments to the eventual execution of the plan.

The transition plan may be developed with the consultation of a third party. The results of the census and the written plan shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Committee on Corrections, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, and the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice no later than December 31, 2026.

**44. Juvenile State Facility Staffing and Condition Assessment.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) shall assess outstanding staffing and maintenance liabilities at state-operated secure facilities and submit the information in writing, not later than December 31, 2026, to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Committee on Corrections, the House Criminal Jurisprudence Subcommittee on Juvenile Justice, and the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. The information shall include:

- (a) current state-operated secure facilities whose staffing levels are lower than the overall average for state secure facilities;
- (b) current state-operated secure facilities whose outstanding deferred maintenance needs as a percentage of the facilities total replacement value is greater than the overall average for state secure facilities;
- (c) current state-operated secure facilities with adequate staffing levels that may benefit from the temporary or permanent expansion of dormitory space;
- (d) any special healthcare needs, rehabilitative treatment, or security needs unique to the current residential population of the facilities identified in subsections (a) and (b); and
- (e) any other information that may inform the potential consolidation of state operated secure facilities.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 18,402,353	\$ 16,942,089
GR Dedicated - Texas Peace Officer Flag Account No. 5059	\$ 3,510	\$ 2,000
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 770,000	\$ 730,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	4,000	3,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 774,000	\$ 733,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 19,179,863</u>	<u>\$ 17,677,089</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	129.1	129.1
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$163,428	\$163,428
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> LICENSE AND DEVELOP STANDARDS		
Licensing and Standards Development.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSING	\$ 9,523,433	\$ 8,083,698
Issue Licenses and Certificates to Individuals.		

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<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT Set Standards for Training Development and Academy Evaluations.	<u>1,088,949</u>	<u>1,088,306</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> LICENSE AND DEVELOP STANDARDS	\$ 10,612,382	\$ 9,172,004
<b>B. Goal:</b> REGULATION Regulate Licensed Law Enforcement Population.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT Enforce Statute or TCOLE Rules through License Regulation.	\$ 2,866,951	\$ 2,876,009
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE Assist Departments with Hiring Standards and Compliance.	<u>3,907,949</u>	<u>3,844,830</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> REGULATION	\$ 6,774,900	\$ 6,720,839
<b>C. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION Finance, Open Records, Legal, and Government Relations.	<u>\$ 1,792,581</u>	<u>\$ 1,784,246</u>
<b>Grand Total, COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,179,863</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,677,089</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 14,213,145	\$ 13,149,397
Other Personnel Costs	106,681	106,681
Professional Fees and Services	2,193,556	2,194,647
Fuels and Lubricants	77,500	77,500
Consumable Supplies	130,000	130,000
Utilities	21,999	22,000
Travel	282,000	280,001
Rent - Building	641,358	663,472
Other Operating Expense	1,108,057	953,391
Capital Expenditures	<u>405,567</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 19,179,863</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,677,089</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 915,500	\$ 920,578
Group Insurance	1,290,364	1,312,420
Social Security	<u>781,749</u>	<u>786,252</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,987,613</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,019,250</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on Law Enforcement. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on Law Enforcement. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on Law Enforcement shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> LICENSE AND DEVELOP STANDARDS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued	15,000	15,000
Number of Appointment Documents Received and Processed	22,000	22,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Courses Reviewed/Approved/Updated by TCOLE	10	10
<b>B. Goal:</b> REGULATION		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Disciplinary Actions Taken	500	500

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**B.1.1. Strategy:** ENFORCEMENT

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Notices of Impeding Training Deficiency	2,000	5,000
Number of Misconduct Cases Resolved by Agreed Order	15	15
Number of Border Security-related Investigations Opened	100	100
Number of Cases Opened	1,500	1,500

**B.1.2. Strategy:** TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

**Explanatory:**

Number of Agencies and Providers Audited for Law and Rule Compliance	800	800
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**C. Goal:** INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

**C.1.1. Strategy:** INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Open Records/Public Information Requests Sent to the Office of the Attorney General	30	30
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Secure IT Delivery	\$ 497,040	\$ 497,040
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services (DCS) and Shared Technology Services	\$ 598,742	\$ 599,831
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 1,095,782	\$ 1,096,871
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,020,782	\$ 1,021,871
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 1,095,782	\$ 1,096,871

- 3. Appropriation: Proficiency Certificate Fees.** The Commission on Law Enforcement is appropriated revenues collected for the processing of proficiency certificates pursuant to Occupations Code, Section 1701.154 (estimated to be \$260,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$265,000 in fiscal year 2027 from Appropriated Receipts and included in the amounts appropriated above).
- 4. Appropriation: Licensing Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Commission on Law Enforcement are fees collected to establish a person's eligibility to receive, reactivate or reinstate a license (estimated to be \$158,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$160,000 in fiscal year 2027) from the General Revenue Fund.
- 5. Appropriation: State Flag Fund for Deceased Texas Peace Officers.** The Commission on Law Enforcement is appropriated all contributions and earned interest collected during the 2026-27 biennium and any unexpended and unencumbered balances from the biennium ending August 31, 2025, from the Texas Peace Officer Flag Account No. 5059 as provided by Occupations Code, Section 1701.161 and Government Code, Section 615.105 (estimated to be \$2,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,000 in fiscal year 2027 and included in the amounts appropriated above). These appropriations are to be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the GR-Dedicated Texas Peace Officer Flag Account No. 5059. These appropriations shall be used to provide state flags to families of deceased Texas peace officers pursuant to Occupations Code, Section 1701.161 and Government Code, Section 615.105. None of these appropriations shall be used by the commission for administration and support costs.
- 6. Appropriation: Distance Learning Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Commission on Law Enforcement is revenue collected from intermediate, advanced, and master

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peace officer and jailer certifications (estimated to be \$55,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$55,000 in fiscal year 2027 from Appropriated Receipts) for the purpose of operating and maintaining the Distance Learning Program.

7. **Appropriation: Conference, Training, Testing and Other Receipts.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Commission on Law Enforcement are revenues estimated to be \$341,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$385,000 in fiscal year 2027 collected from fees relating to conferences, training, testing and other receipts from Appropriated Receipts.
8. **Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for curriculum advisory committee members, out of the funds appropriated above, not to exceed \$15,000 per fiscal year, the Commission on Law Enforcement is authorized to reimburse travel expenses of curriculum advisory committee members.
9. **Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Technical Assistance, is \$1,200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the biennium to establish a mental health peer network for law enforcement officers. Additionally, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement is authorized to contract with an institution of higher education with mental health or police training expertise.
10. **School Marshal Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensing, is \$661,999 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund and \$594,439 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to administer the School Marshal Program, for the purpose of preventing serious bodily injury or murder on school grounds. The School Marshal Program includes training on physical security, use of force, and active shooter response.
11. **High School Criminal Justice Career Pipeline.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and 6.0 full-time-equivalent (FTE) positions in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and 6.0 FTE positions in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy A.1.1, Licensing, to be used by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to expand the high school criminal justice career pipeline pilot program.
12. **Police Recruitment Assistance.** Notwithstanding capital budget provisions included elsewhere in this Act, appropriations for Strategy B.1.2, Technical Assistance, include \$217,000 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$147,850 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to establish and maintain a statewide recruitment website for Texas law enforcement agencies. Additionally, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement shall coordinate the development of this recruitment website with the Texas Police Chiefs Association.
13. **Law Enforcement Staff Vacancy Report.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Technical Assistance, The Commission on Law Enforcement shall conduct a study on staff vacancies among law enforcement agencies in this state including: comparisons among full-time and part-time positions, sworn and non-sworn positions, varying sizes and types of law enforcement agencies, and across regions with varying costs of living. The Commission on Law Enforcement shall submit a report on the results of the study to the Office of the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over the agency not later than November 1, 2026.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,206,324,882	\$ 1,200,169,410
Adjutant General Federal Fund No. 449	\$ 71,986,763	\$ 71,059,119
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 258,000	\$ 258,000
Current Fund Balance	5,000,000	5,000,000

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Interagency Contracts	4,461,000	4,461,000
Interagency Contracts - Transfer from Foundation School Fund No. 193	<u>1,429,500</u>	<u>1,429,500</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 11,148,500</u>	<u>\$ 11,148,500</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,289,460,145</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,282,377,029</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	670.5	670.5
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Adjutant General, Group 7	\$240,000	\$240,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: OPERATIONS RESPONSE**

Provide a Professional Force Capable of Response.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE ACTIVE DUTY - DISASTER Respond to Disaster Relief/Emergency Missions.	\$ 1,153,409,232	\$ 1,147,189,381
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TX NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING MISSIONS Non Emerg Homeland Security, Humanitarian, and Emerg Prep Training.	6,548,280	6,548,280
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> STATE GUARD: ADMIN OPERATIONS Administrative Support and Operations.	1,532,202	1,526,202
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> STATE GUARD: NON-EMERGENCY Non-Emerg Homeland Security, Humanitarian, and Emerg Prep Training.	<u>1,407,886</u>	<u>1,407,886</u>

<b>Total, Goal A: OPERATIONS RESPONSE</b>	\$ 1,162,897,600	\$ 1,156,671,749
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**B. Goal: OPERATIONS SUPPORT**

Provide Adequate Facilities for Operations, Training, and Maintenance.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> FACILITIES MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS Facilities Management and Operations.	\$ 96,124,809	\$ 95,197,165
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> UTILITIES	5,900,000	5,900,000
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> FIREFIGHTERS - ELLINGTON AFB	<u>302,337</u>	<u>302,337</u>

<b>Total, Goal B: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>	\$ 102,327,146	\$ 101,399,502
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**C. Goal: COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Community Support and Involvement.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS Train Youth in Specialized Education Programs.	\$ 6,585,273	\$ 6,585,273
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATE MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE	3,327,403	3,327,403
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> COMMUNITY AND MEMBER SUPPORT	4,143,857	4,143,857
<b>C.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS MILITARY FORCES MUSEUM	193,432	193,432
<b>C.1.5. Strategy:</b> COUNTERDRUG	<u>800,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>

<b>Total, Goal C: COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b>	\$ 15,049,965	\$ 15,049,965
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**D. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION**

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 6,687,880	\$ 6,687,880
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	536,892	607,271
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>1,960,662</u>	<u>1,960,662</u>

<b>Total, Goal D: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 9,185,434</u>	<u>\$ 9,255,813</u>
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<b>Grand Total, MILITARY DEPARTMENT</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,289,460,145</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,282,377,029</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 475,255,892	\$ 416,325,089
Other Personnel Costs	1,932,660	1,932,660
Professional Fees and Services	3,205,207	4,023,117
Fuels and Lubricants	3,743,754	6,343,481
Consumable Supplies	67,211,003	83,450,634

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Utilities	11,232,174	18,402,395
Travel	4,860,425	3,786,104
Rent - Building	2,166,231	2,521,657
Rent - Machine and Other	7,768,188	35,660,000
Other Operating Expense	654,599,015	660,212,017
Client Services	2,784,600	2,784,600
Food for Persons - Wards of State	963,867	1,125,790
Capital Expenditures	<u>53,737,129</u>	<u>45,809,485</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,289,460,145</u>	<u>\$ 1,282,377,029</u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 4,377,643	\$ 4,408,783
Group Insurance	7,513,810	7,672,892
Social Security	29,607,042	29,874,680
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,692</u>	<u>2,189</u>

Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 41,501,187	\$ 41,958,544
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Debt Service

TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 1,248,221</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,223</u>
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<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 42,749,408</u>	<u>\$ 43,115,767</u>
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Military Department. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Military Department. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Military Department shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: OPERATIONS RESPONSE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Texas National Guard Members	23,000	23,000
Number of Texas State Guard Members	1,925	1,925
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: STATE ACTIVE DUTY - DISASTER Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per State Mission Performed by Texas Military Forces	98,743	98,743
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TX NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING MISSIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Workdays Texas National Guard Train for State Mission Response	29,870	29,870
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per National Guard Training Mission	558,586	558,586
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: STATE GUARD: NON-EMERGENCY Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost of Training Performed by the Texas State Guard	8,300	8,300
<b>B. Goal: OPERATIONS SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Facilities That Comply with Texas Accessibility Standards	50.72%	50.72%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT &amp; OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Maintenance Cost of All Real Property Assets, Including Buildings, Parking Areas, and Fencing	6.73	6.73
The Percentage of Capital Budget Funds That Are Encumbered for the Repair and Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	50%	50%
<b>C. Goal: COMMUNITY SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of ChalleNGe Academy Graduates Who Obtain a GED or High School Diploma by the End of the Post-Residential Phase of the Program	76%	76%

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Percentage of Students Who Completed the STARBASE Special Youth Education Program	80%	80%
Percentage of Students Who Graduated the 22-Week Residential Phase of the ChalleNGe Special Youth Education Program	50%	50%
The Percent of Guard Members Receiving Tuition Benefits Compared to the Number of Guard Members Eligible	2.74%	2.74%
The Percent of Tuition Assistance Recipients Seeking Degrees in Identified Fields to Support the Department's Mission	65%	65%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Students Who Completed the STARBASE Special Youth Education Program	2,300	2,300
Number of Students Who Graduated the ChalleNGe Special Youth Education Program	260	260
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Student Completing the STARBASE Special Youth Education Program	476	476
Average Cost Per Student Graduating the ChalleNGe Special Youth Education Program's Residential Phase	22,453	22,453
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: COMMUNITY AND MEMBER SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of National and State Guard Members Receiving Mental Health Services	4,000	4,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the monies appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103. This rider does not limit the use of federal funds obtained by the department.

	2026	2027
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) State of Texas Armory Revitalization (STAR) Projects	\$ 32,940,631	\$ 32,012,987
(2) Replacement and Maintenance Projects	<u>5,425,948</u>	<u>5,425,948</u>
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 38,366,579	\$ 37,438,935
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Information Resource Technology	\$ 224,000	\$ 246,000
c. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Border Security Capital Equipment	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 0
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	<u>\$ 312,892</u>	<u>\$ 361,271</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 45,903,471</u>	<u>\$ 38,046,206</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 32,707,536	\$ 25,777,915
Adjutant General Federal Fund No. 449	<u>\$ 13,195,935</u>	<u>\$ 12,268,291</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 45,903,471</u>	<u>\$ 38,046,206</u>

**3. Transferability.** Notwithstanding the General Provisions of this act, the Texas Military Department may transfer such amounts as may be necessary from one strategy to another strategy. No transfers shall be made into Strategy B.1.2, Debt Service. No transfer of federal reimbursements for state active duty shall be made out of Strategy A.1.1, State Active Duty - Disaster.



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- 4. Travel Limitations.** Subject to the travel limitations set out in the General Provisions of this Act, the Texas Military Department (TMD) shall pay the travel expenses of members of the National Guard when said members are acting as official representatives of TMD on behalf of the Texas National Guard.
- 5. Armory Closure.** The Adjutant General shall not close any armories due solely to insufficient funds to pay for utilities without providing 30 business days prior written notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office.
- 6. Armory Utilities.** The Texas Military Department (TMD) shall study each armory to ensure utility costs are kept to a minimum and TMD shall charge rental fees for armories that are comparable to fees charged for similar facilities in the area where the armory is located. The rent charged must be adequate to recover any additional utility costs associated with the rental of the armory.
- 7. Quarters and Utilities Allowance.** The Adjutant General, Deputy Adjutant General-Air, and Deputy Adjutant General-Army may live in state-owned housing and are exempt from paying housing costs. The Texas Military Department may also allocate existing department housing to other department employees with a demonstrated need based on location and job description. Fees for employee housing are appropriated to be used for maintaining employee housing.
- 8. Federally Funded Projects.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Part 13, federal funds for any 100 percent federally funded project are appropriated, and related additional travel expenditures are authorized.
- 9. Appropriation - Billet Receipts.** Any billet receipts in excess of \$258,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$258,000 in fiscal year 2027 (included in Appropriated Receipts above), are appropriated for use in Strategy B.1.1, Facilities Management and Operations (estimated to be \$0). Any unexpended balances of billet receipts as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, in Strategy B.1.1, Facilities Management and Operations, for the same purpose.
- 10. Unexpended Balances, Payments to National Guard for State Active Duty.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in Strategy A.1.1, State Active Duty - Disaster, for payments to the National Guard for State Active Duty, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 11. Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the expected receipt of federal funds and the notification of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office, the Texas Military Department (TMD) may temporarily utilize additional monies out of the General Revenue Fund, pending receipt of federal reimbursement, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium. The request to access the additional funds by TMD shall include justification for the additional funds. The general revenue amounts utilized above TMD's general revenue method of finance must be repaid upon receipt of federal reimbursement and shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. At the end of each fiscal year, the \$15,000,000 must be repaid by November 30 of the following fiscal year if federal reimbursement for the expenditure has been received. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

TMD will submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor, not later than November 30 of each fiscal year, detailing for the prior fiscal year the receipt of federal reimbursements, the amount of each reimbursement, the purpose of each reimbursement, the General Revenue Fund expenditures associated with each reimbursement, and the status of any outstanding contingency fund federal reimbursements for the prior fiscal year.
- 12. Appropriation of Refunded Money.** There is appropriated to the Texas Military Department (TMD) all funds refunded to TMD from any source when funds were originally expended for any of the purposes in B.1.1, Facilities Management and Operations, above. Appropriated funds may be expended for any of the purposes enumerated in B.1.1. above.
- 13. Local Fund Authorization.** The Texas Military Department (TMD) may expend, and there is made available to it, any and all local funds which TMD now has or which it may acquire, for the purpose of operation and maintenance of TMD facilities. This authorization includes the unit fund for the post exchange services account under Government Code, Section 437.110.

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- 14. Superseding Bond Covenants.** None of the appropriations or provisions shall supersede the covenants under which bonds are issued by or on behalf of the Texas Military Department, regarding the agency's obligations as a public bonding authority, body politic and corporate.
- 15. Disposition of State-owned Property.** Contingent upon sufficient funds from the sale of state-owned properties, appropriations above include \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Current Fund Balance to the Texas Military Department (TMD) in funds derived from sales, in previous biennia and in the current biennium, of State-owned National Guard camps and other property owned by TMD and of land, improvements, buildings, facilities, installations, and personal property in connection therewith as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 437. Funds shall be expended by TMD in one or more of the following ways: (1) as a participating fund in the construction and maintenance of facilities financed in part by the United States Government; or (2) as a construction fund to be used by TMD; or (3) as a debt-servicing fund as provided in Government Code, Chapter 437, provided that all funds that are not actually used for the purposes specified in this rider shall remain on deposit in the state treasury to the credit of TMD for the use and benefit of the Texas National Guard, their successors or components, as provided in Government Code, Chapter 437. TMD may carry forward unexpended balances from fiscal year 2026 into fiscal year 2027 for the same purpose.
- 16. Master Plan for Military Facilities.** Funds appropriated to the Texas Military Department (TMD) for capital construction projects are intended to be expended for those projects which are part of the agency's Master Plan. TMD shall revise the plan at least biennially and submit the plan to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor every even-numbered year as an appendix to the agency's Strategic Plan.
- 17. Renovation Priorities.** The Texas Military Department shall give priority in the use of funds appropriated by this Act to renovations which: (1) ensure the structural integrity of the facilities; (2) bring such facilities into compliance with current building and safety codes and accessibility standards; (3) increase the economic efficiency of the facilities; and (4) simplify future maintenance of the facilities.
- 18. Internal Audit.** The Texas Military Department (TMD) shall use funds appropriated above to hold meetings by the internal audit committee at TMD at least once each fiscal quarter and to provide minutes of these meetings to the Governor's Office and the State Auditor's Office.
- 19. Support and Maintenance Expenditures.** All funds currently appropriated to the Texas Military Department for support and maintenance of the Texas National Guard may be expended for the support and maintenance, including organization, of units of the Texas State Guard supplementing the Texas National Guard or replacing National Guard units inducted into federal service.
- 20. Unexpended Balances, State Military Tuition Assistance Program.** All unexpended balances of the State Military Tuition Assistance Program as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for use during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 21. Travel Limitations - State Guard.** Subject to the travel limitations set out in the General Provisions of this Act, the Texas Military Department (TMD) may pay the travel expenses of members of the Texas State Guard when said members are acting as official representatives of TMD on behalf of the Texas State Guard.
- 22. ChalleNGe Youth Education Program.** Included in the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Youth Education Programs, are funds appropriated from the Foundation School Fund No. 193 for each fiscal year of the biennium. The Commissioner of Education shall allocate \$1,429,500 in each fiscal year of the biennium from the Foundation School Program to the Military Department for the ChalleNGe Youth Education Program.
- 23. Governor Grant for Payroll Processing and Other Expenses in Event of Disaster.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, in the event of an emergency or disaster in response to which the Governor has deployed the National Guard, the Governor shall make a grant from disaster funds appropriated to the TruSTeED Programs within the Office of the Governor, or any other funds available, to the Texas Military Department, in an amount determined to be appropriate by the Office of the Governor, in order to ensure timely and accurate payroll processing for the Texas Military when deployed.

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- 24. Outreach and Education.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, State Training Missions, the Texas Military Department may expend funds for outreach and education.
- 25. Dedicated Defense Cyber Operations.** From funds appropriated above, the Military Department may increase its full-time equivalent (FTE) position cap by 1.0 FTE dedicated to the Defense Cyber Operations Element of the Texas State Guard along with a minimum of 10 dedicated state guardsmen to conduct training and provide support to mission partners in the state.
- 26. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal Funds.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, of this Act, and to maximize the use of Federal Funds and fulfill grant requirements for receipt and expenditure of Federal Funds, the Texas Military Department (TMD) is provided capital budget authority when Federal Funds are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency’s capital budget rider and when the Federal Funds are provided for the sole purposes of construction and repairs or purchase of specific capital budget items. TMD shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of the amount received and the items to be purchased as approved by the Federal agency. The expenditure of funds pursuant to this rider shall not create ongoing operating costs.
- 27. Mental Health Services.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Mental Health Initiative, TMD shall provide mental health services to only members of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard.
- 28. Maximization of Federal Funds.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Facilities Management and Operations, the Texas Military Department shall prioritize projects that will maximize the receipt of matching federal funds.
- 29. Texas State Guard Clothing Provision.** The Texas Military Department may use appropriated funds to purchase uniforms for members of the Texas State Guard.
- 30. State Military Tuition Assistance.** Out of funds appropriated above is \$3,314,211 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,314,211 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.3, State Military Tuition Assistance, to be used for tuition reimbursement for members of the Texas Military Forces. The Texas Military Department shall prioritize applicants that were deployed along the Texas-Mexico Border as part of Operation Lone Star.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,857,829,280	\$ 1,570,499,514
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 261,244	\$ 261,244
Sexual Assault Program Account No. 5010	5,241,674	5,338,124
Breath Alcohol Testing Account No. 5013	1,512,501	1,512,501
Emergency Radio Infrastructure Account No. 5153	603,801	603,801
Identification Fee Exemption Fund No. 5177	280,453	280,453
DNA Testing Account No. 5185	253,000	246,000
Transportation Administration Fee Account No. 5186	<u>4,363,758</u>	<u>4,363,756</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 12,516,431	\$ 12,605,879
Federal Funds	\$ 56,775,681	\$ 33,672,742
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Interagency Contracts - Criminal Justice Grants	\$ 3,360,512	\$ 3,360,512
Appropriated Receipts	59,567,876	59,529,652
Interagency Contracts	5,543,087	5,543,087
Bond Proceeds - General Obligation Bonds	<u>110,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>68,581,475</u>	\$ <u>68,433,251</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,995,702,867</u>	<u>\$ 1,685,211,386</u>

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<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$	1,651,112	\$	1,682,201
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>				
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>		12,767.2		12,767.2
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>				
Director, Group 9		\$345,250		\$345,250
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>				
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT TEXAS</b>				
Protect Texas from Public Safety Threats.				
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: INTELLIGENCE</b>	\$	39,297,516	\$	39,831,855
Provide Integrated Statewide Public Safety Intelligence Network.				
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: INTEROPERABILITY</b>		31,535,970		31,049,515
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS</b>		125,866,810		122,053,366
Reduce Threats of Organized Crime, Terrorism & Mass Casualty Attacks.				
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: TEXAS RANGERS</b>		37,981,299		29,984,721
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL</b>		588,364,166		435,813,721
Deter, Detect, and Interdict Public Safety Threats on Roadways.				
<b>A.3.2. Strategy: AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS</b>		13,687,953		11,896,303
<b>A.3.3. Strategy: SECURITY PROGRAMS</b>		<u>31,351,955</u>		<u>28,486,377</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: PROTECT TEXAS</b>	\$	868,085,669	\$	699,115,858
<b>B. Goal: SECURE THE TEXAS BORDER</b>				
Reduce Border-Related and Transnational-Related Crime.				
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: TRAFFICKING</b>	\$	7,386,389	\$	6,520,772
Deter, Detect, and Interdict Trafficking.				
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: ROUTINE OPERATIONS</b>		217,999,897		222,801,016
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: EXTRAORDINARY OPERATIONS</b>		<u>175,593,563</u>		<u>153,703,552</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: SECURE THE TEXAS BORDER</b>	\$	400,979,849	\$	383,025,340
<b>C. Goal: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>				
Provide Regulatory and Law Enforcement Services to All Customers.				
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CRIME LABORATORY SERVICES</b>	\$	103,339,098	\$	90,565,212
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: CRIME RECORDS SERVICES</b>		44,487,853		44,187,918
Provide Records to Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.				
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: VICTIM &amp; EMPLOYEE SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		1,192,846		1,102,917
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>		<u>33,212,420</u>		<u>35,545,145</u>
Administer Programs, Issue Licenses, and Enforce Compliance.				
<b>Total, Goal C: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>	\$	182,232,217	\$	171,401,192
<b>D. Goal: DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES</b>				
Enhance Public Safety through the Licensing of Texas Drivers.				
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES</b>	\$	296,160,144	\$	266,030,028
Issue Driver Licenses and Enforce Compliance on Roadways.				
<b>E. Goal: AGENCY SERVICES AND SUPPORT</b>				
Provide Agency Administrative Services and Support.				
<b>E.1.1. Strategy: HEADQUARTERS ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$	47,818,225	\$	45,371,365
<b>E.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>		57,743,468		50,374,409
<b>E.1.3. Strategy: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>		10,397,348		12,307,046
<b>E.1.4. Strategy: TRAINING ACADEMY AND DEVELOPMENT</b>		91,853,894		24,517,882

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<b>E.1.5. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE OPERATIONS	36,693,967	29,397,865
<b>E.1.6. Strategy:</b> OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL	<u>3,738,086</u>	<u>3,670,401</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> AGENCY SERVICES AND SUPPORT	<u>\$ 248,244,988</u>	<u>\$ 165,638,968</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	<u><u>\$ 1,995,702,867</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,685,211,386</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,268,040,855	\$ 1,190,921,892
Other Personnel Costs	39,382,711	42,324,876
Professional Fees and Services	40,950,805	34,304,070
Fuels and Lubricants	47,223,714	48,257,781
Consumable Supplies	27,815,705	26,248,668
Utilities	20,409,238	22,078,040
Travel	33,527,650	34,631,459
Rent - Building	32,197,010	32,056,443
Rent - Machine and Other	5,367,735	2,791,184
Other Operating Expense	357,912,412	210,483,567
Grants	250,000	250,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>122,625,032</u>	<u>40,863,406</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,995,702,867</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,685,211,386</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 84,663,794	\$ 82,498,681
Group Insurance	155,381,792	155,428,055
Social Security	84,777,809	83,188,714
Benefits Replacement	<u>162,168</u>	<u>131,843</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 324,985,563	\$ 321,247,293
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 13,117,298	\$ 12,345,670
Lease Payments	<u>1,269,266</u>	<u>1,364,812</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 14,386,564</u>	<u>\$ 13,710,482</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 339,372,127</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 334,957,775</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Public Safety. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Public Safety. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Public Safety shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROTECT TEXAS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Annual Texas Index Crime Rate	1,500	1,500
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Arrests for Drug Violations	2,700	2,700
Number of Investigations Completed and Closed by the Agency	1,100	1,100
Number of Felony Arrests by CID	7,000	7,000
Number of Human Trafficking Investigations Conducted by CID	4,500	4,500
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS RANGERS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Investigations Conducted by Texas Rangers	1,750	1,750
Number of Support Deployments by Texas Rangers	1,500	1,500
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Highway Patrol Service Hours on Routine Patrol	3,450,000	3,450,000
Number of Traffic Law Violator Contacts	2,900,000	2,900,000
Number of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Hours on Routine Patrol	1,000,000	1,000,000

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Number of School Safety Visits by Commissioned THP Members	25,000	25,000
Number Arrests Conducted by THP Members	45,000	45,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Number of Commercial Vehicle Traffic Law Violator Contacts	900,000	900,000
<b>B. Goal: SECURE THE TEXAS BORDER</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: TRAFFICKING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Interagency Law Enforcement Ops Coordinated by the BSOC	200	200
<b>C. Goal: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Drug Toxicology Cases Backlogged	5,500	4,000
Percentage of Original Licenses to Carry a Handgun Issued within 60 Days	100%	100%
Percentage of Renewal Licenses to Carry a Handgun Issued within 45 Days	100%	100%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CRIME LABORATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Drug Cases Completed by DPS Crime Laboratories	55,000	55,000
Number of DNA Cases Completed by DPS Crime Laboratories	9,000	9,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost to Complete a DNA Case	1,950	1,950
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Arrestee and Offender DNA Profiles Completed	130,000	160,000
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: REGULATORY SERVICES</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Original and Renewal Licenses to Carry a Handgun Issued	275,000	275,000
<b>D. Goal: DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Original Driver License and Identification Card Applications Completed within 45 Minutes	63%	63%

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. The Department of Public Safety may expend funds for the lease of capital budget items with Legislative Budget Board approval if the department provides a cost-benefit analysis to the Legislative Budget Board that supports leasing instead of purchasing prior to exercising the lease option. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property		
(1) Magnolia Driver License Office	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 0
(2) Driver License Office	8,000,000	0
Total, Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property	\$ 13,000,000	\$ 0
b. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Driver License Office - Katy Med Office	\$ 595,098	\$ 595,098
(2) Crime Lab Generators	2,500,000	0
(3) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Modular Building Lease	1,177,404	1,177,404
(4) Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum	10,000,000	0
Total, Construction of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 14,272,502	\$ 1,772,502
c. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Deferred Maintenance	\$ 3,700,000	\$ 0
(2) Communication Towers Repair & Replacement	3,500,000	3,500,000

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(3) Deferred Maintenance - Generator System Maintenance	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 10,200,000	\$ 3,500,000
d. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) The Texas Highway Patrol (THP) Information Technology (IT) Equipment	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
(2) Crime Records Service Information Technology	3,279,626	3,279,626
(3) DL Technology Upgrades	4,903,588	4,463,986
(4) IT Modernization Initiatives and Maintenance	6,988,240	6,360,497
(5) Enhance Capitol Security - IT Purchases	2,040,208	0
(6) Advanced Analytics & Threat Detection Software	11,100,000	11,100,000
(7) Regulatory Services Division (RSD) Technology Projects	232,992	232,992
(8) Safety Technology Upgrade for Trooper Safety	1,306,200	1,306,200
(9) Electronic Content Management System	319,004	319,004
(10) Crime Lab Portal	350,000	350,000
(11) Case Management & Reporting System	1,400,000	1,400,000
(12) Law Enforcement FT - Laptops & EA	341,301	8,772
(13) Law Enforcement FTE - Criminal Analyst Technology	1,970,963	1,970,962
(14) Driver License staffing - Customer Service Center Laptops and Enterprise Agreements	1,133,795	795,318
(15) Law Enforcement FTEs - Alamo IT Equipment	<u>864,346</u>	<u>329,552</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 38,230,263	\$ 33,916,909
e. Transportation Items		
(1) Ballistic Resistant Technology	\$ 12,843,200	\$ 0
(2) Protect Texas - Vehicles and Related Equipment	4,060,970	0
(3) Law Enforcement FTEs - Vehicles and Related Equipment	58,794,660	0
(4) Law Enforcement FTE - Ballistic Tech	4,413,954	0
(5) Law Enforcement FTEs - Alamo Vehicles	<u>7,931,400</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Transportation Items	\$ 88,044,184	\$ 0
f. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Law Enforcement Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000
(2) Radios	1,569,473	2,842,661
(3) Border Security - Capital Equipment for Operation Drawbridge	8,500,000	8,500,000
(4) Communication Equipment and Leases	7,610,586	7,610,586
(5) Crime Lab Equipment	3,080,345	3,080,345
(6) Enhance Capitol Security - Security Equipment	580,000	0
(7) Texas Highway Patrol Equipment	1,444,369	1,000,000
(8) Technical Unit Intercept System	1,000,000	1,000,000
(9) Law Enforcement FTE Night Vision Goggle	484,920	0
(10) Law Enforcement FTE - Radios	6,456,960	0
(11) Driver License Customer Service Center Staffing Cameras	546,929	0
(12) Law Enforcement FTEs - Alamo Capital Equipment	<u>646,560</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ 32,920,142	\$ 25,033,592
g. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services (DCS)	\$ 13,691,107	\$ 13,765,363

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h. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) CAPPS Statewide ERP System	\$ 679,474	\$ 679,474
i. Cybersecurity		
(1) Defend and Solidify DPS Systems	\$ 7,354,298	\$ 5,664,794
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 218,391,970	\$ 84,332,634
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 207,759,971	\$ 74,145,004
Federal Funds	\$ 7,242,373	\$ 6,798,004
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 3,279,626	\$ 3,279,626
Interagency Contracts	110,000	110,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 3,389,626	\$ 3,389,626
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 218,391,970	\$ 84,332,634

- 3. Marked Vehicles.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for the salaries of personnel operating motor vehicles used to stop and actually arrest offenders of highway speed laws unless such vehicles are black, white, or a combination thereof and plainly marked with the department's insignia.
- 4. Disposition of Seized Funds.** The Department of Public Safety shall deposit all funds currently held, or obtained in the future pursuant to seizure actions or judicial forfeiture, according to rules and procedures developed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Department of Public Safety shall cooperate with the Comptroller of Public Accounts in developing agreements and procedures for the deposit of seized state funds in accounts in the State Treasury.
- 5. Controlled Substances.** Included in the amounts appropriated above is \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 from Federal Funds. All revenues in excess of these amounts collected under federal forfeiture programs are appropriated to the Department of Public Safety to be used for law enforcement purposes (estimated to be \$0). Any funds unexpended at the close of each fiscal year are appropriated for the following year. Funding priority shall be given to the purchase of new equipment for field employees.
- 6. Witness Fees.** From the appropriations made above, the Department of Public Safety may pay the witness fees and travel expenses of out-of-state witnesses, subject to the advance, written approval of the District Attorney for the county having venue over the law violation under investigation.
- 7. Purchase of Evidence.** From the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Public Safety, an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium, exclusive of amounts forfeited to the Department of Public Safety by any court of competent jurisdiction and amounts received from the United States government derived from the forfeiture of monies and property, is designated for the purchase of evidence and/or information and surveillance expenses deemed necessary by the Department of Public Safety; and accountability for expenditures as set forth above shall be governed by such rules and regulations as the director of the Department of Public Safety may recommend and are subject to audit by the State Auditor. Such amounts may be maintained in cash to facilitate the purchase of evidence, information, and/or surveillance expense.
- 8. Seized Assets Report.** The Department of Public Safety shall file with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, no later than October 30 of each year, a report disclosing information on seized/forfeited assets. The report shall contain a summary of receipts, disbursements, and fund balances for the fiscal year derived from both federal and state sources and supporting detail. The detail information shall, at a minimum, include the following:
- a. Regarding receipts: the court in which the case was adjudicated, the nature of the assets, the value of the assets, and the specific, intended use of the assets; and



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- b. Regarding disbursements: the departmental control number, the departmental category, the division making the request, the specific item and amount requested, the amount the department approved, and the actual amount expended per item.

- 9. Medical and Funeral Costs.** Funds appropriated above may be expended for drugs, medical, hospital, laboratory, and funeral costs of law enforcement employees or other employees performing duties involving unusual risk when injury or death occurs in the performance of such duties. Funds appropriated above shall not be expended for drugs, medical, hospital, laboratory, or funeral costs of employees who are not actively engaged in the performance of law enforcement or other hazardous duties or for law enforcement employees when injury or death occurs in the performance of clerical or office duties as distinguished from law enforcement or other duties involving unusual risk. Funds appropriated above may also be expended for physical examinations and testing when such examinations and tests are a condition of employment or exposure to infectious diseases or hazardous materials occurs in the line of duty.
- 10. Authorization of Funeral Travel Reimbursement.** The Department of Public Safety may reimburse a commissioned peace officer or communications officer in its employ the costs for lodging, transportation, and meals, in accordance with Article IX travel regulations of this Act, when such travel is for the purpose of representing the Department of Public Safety at the funeral of a fallen peace officer. The reimbursement authorized by this provision applies to out-of-state and in-state travel. The Department of Public Safety may provide reimbursement for only a small delegation to any single out-of-state funeral.
- 11. Moving Expenses.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, and with the approval of the Director, the Department of Public Safety may use appropriated funds to pay the reasonable, necessary, and resulting costs of moving the household goods and effects of a commissioned peace officer employed by the Department of Public Safety who is transferred from one designated headquarters to another so long as the Department of Public Safety determines that the best interests of the State will be served by such transfer.
- 12. Travel for Security Personnel.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, commissioned Department of Public Safety personnel when transporting and providing security for the Governor or Governor-elect and his or her spouse and immediate family; other members of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government; and visiting government officials traveling in Texas when assigned, shall be reimbursed for their actual meals, lodging, and incidental expenses when on official travel in or out of the state.
- 13. Polygraph Examinations.** None of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Safety may be expended for polygraph testing of commissioned law enforcement officers of the Department of Public Safety, unless requested by the officer.
- 14. Supply and Inventory Cost Allocation.** The Department of Public Safety may establish a supply and inventory cost pool to which appropriations may be transferred from any strategy item. These transfers shall be restricted to the purchase of supplies and inventory items. Expenditures from the cost pool shall be allocated back to the applicable strategies of the Department of Public Safety within 90 business days following the close of each fiscal quarter.
- 15. Appropriation: Automobile Emission Inspections.** Included in amounts appropriated above in C.2.1, Regulatory Services, is \$7,353,749 in fiscal year 2026 (General Revenue Fund) and \$7,353,749 in fiscal year 2027 (General Revenue Fund) for the operation of the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 382.202
- If additional counties are brought into the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program, 80.0 percent of revenues generated from the vehicle emissions and inspections fee in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 and deposited into the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the agency for the purpose of developing, administering, evaluating, and maintaining the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program in the additional counties.
- 16. Full-Time-Equivalents, Recruits.** Recruits participating in the recruit school of the Department of Public Safety shall not be counted toward the limit on the number of full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) for the agency until their graduation. Upon graduation, the additional officers shall not cause the Department of Public Safety to exceed the department's limit on FTEs. The

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number of participants in the recruit schools shall be included in all required reports concerning FTEs and vacancies, but the recruits and interns shall be reported as a separate total from the agency's other FTEs.

- 17. Hardship Stations.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Public Safety may designate 40 hardship stations across the state based on excessive vacancies and/or cost of living, and to designate specialized assignments across the state based on the type of assignments and/or skills required for the position. The Department of Public Safety shall provide incentives to commissioned peace officers accepting these positions. The incentives will be based upon available funds as determined by the Director.
- 18. Appropriation Transfers.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, the Department of Public Safety may not transfer funds between items of appropriation in excess of 20.0 percent and shall provide quarterly notification to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board any time the Department of Public Safety transfers an amount of \$100,000 or more between items of appropriation. The Department of Public Safety shall report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board quarterly the total number and amount of transfers during the previous quarter. The report shall include the amount transferred, the strategies involved, and justification for the transfer.
- 19. Interagency Contract for Legal Services.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$1,300,000 for the 2026-27 biennium is for an interagency contract with the Office of the Attorney General for legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General to the Department of Public Safety. Any interagency contract funded by appropriated funds may not exceed reasonable attorney fees for similar legal services in the private sector, shall not jeopardize the ability of the Department of Public Safety to carry out its legislative mandates, and shall not affect the budget for the Department of Public Safety that employees must be terminated to pay the amount of the interagency contract.
- 20. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Private Security Program pursuant to the Texas Occupations Code, Section 1702.062, shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the Private Security Program are estimated to be \$3,879,540 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,879,540 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,651,112 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,682,201 in fiscal year 2027.
- In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- 21. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances Bond Proceeds.** Included in amounts appropriated above are unexpended and unobligated balances of General Obligation Bond Proceeds for projects that have been approved under the provisions of Article IX, Sections 19.70 and 19.71 of House Bill 1, Eightieth Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$110,000).
- Any unexpended balances in General Obligation Bond Proceeds described above remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- Also included in the amounts appropriated above are unexpended and unobligated balances of General Obligation Bond Proceeds for projects that have been approved under the provisions of Article IX, Section 17.02 of Senate Bill 1, Eighty-third Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- 22. Databases and Clearinghouses Related to Missing Persons and Children.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Intelligence, the Department of Public Safety shall expend \$1,096,628 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,096,628 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the administration and support of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Missing Persons DNA Database and the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse established under the Code of Criminal Procedure, Chapter 63. The "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents" indicated above includes 3.0 FTEs in both fiscal years for the

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administration and support of the programs. The Department of Public Safety shall expend \$825,000 per fiscal year to make interagency contract payments to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth to administer the Missing Persons DNA Database. DPS shall expend \$271,628 per fiscal year to pay department expenses associated with the Missing Persons DNA Database and the administration of the Missing Children and Missing Persons Information Clearinghouse.

- 23. Texas Online.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, is revenue generated through Texas Online from Private Security Program subscription fees (estimated to be \$500,000 in Appropriated Receipts in each fiscal year) for the continued operation of Texas Online in the 2026-27 biennium.
- 24. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal Awards.** To maximize the use of federal funds and to fulfill grant requirements for the receipt and expenditure of federal funds, the Department of Public Safety is exempt from the capital budget rider limitations contained in Article IX of this Act when gifts, grants, inter-local funds and federal funds are received in excess of the amount identified in the agency's capital rider and funds are designated by the donor, grantee, state entity or federal agency solely for construction and repairs or purchase of specific capital items. Amounts expended from these funding sources shall not count towards the limitations imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act. Upon receipt of funds, the Department of Public Safety shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of the amount received and the items to be purchased as approved by the donor, grantee, state entity or federal agency. The expenditure of funds pursuant to this rider shall not create any ongoing operating cost.
- 25. Cash Flow Contingency for Federal Funds.** Contingent upon the receipt of federal funds and the approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office, the Department of Public Safety is appropriated on a temporary basis additional funds to be transferred to the appropriate federal fund in an amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium. The request to access the additional funds by the Department of Public Safety shall include justification for the additional funds. The additional amounts authorized in excess of the Department of Public Safety's method of finance must be repaid upon receipt of federal reimbursement and shall be used only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. All the additional funds authorized by this rider within a fiscal year must be repaid by November 30 of the following fiscal year. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.
- 26. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Department of Public Safety are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 27. Estimated Appropriation for Handgun Licensing Program.** The Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall deposit all revenue collected from handgun licensing application fees to Revenue Object Code 3126 in the General Revenue Fund. Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Crime Records Services, is an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2026 and an estimated appropriation of \$6,106,882 in fiscal year 2027, representing a portion of revenue from each application fee, to fund costs of all required background checks.

For the 2026-27 biennium, DPS is appropriated all additional revenues from handgun licensing application fees that are collected by the agency and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund in excess of the amounts reflected in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026-27 biennium, for the purpose of conducting all required background checks. By August 31 of fiscal year 2027, in a manner prescribed by the Comptroller, DPS and the Comptroller shall establish a process to ensure these additional revenues do not exceed the cost of conducting required background checks in both years of the fiscal year 2026-27 biennium.

**28. Clothing Provisions.**

- a. A commissioned officer who received a \$1,200 clothing allowance pursuant to the General Appropriations Act during the 2024-25 biennium shall receive a \$1,200 clothing allowance in the 2026-27 biennium.

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- b. A commissioned officer who received a \$500 cleaning allowance pursuant to the General Appropriations Act for the 2024-25 biennium shall receive a \$500 cleaning allowance in the 2026-27 biennium irrespective of promotion to any rank.
- c. No person shall receive a \$1,200 clothing allowance unless eligible in subsection (a).
- d. An individual who is newly hired or newly commissioned after September 1, 1997, is eligible to receive a \$500 cleaning allowance.
- e. All noncommissioned personnel required to wear uniforms are entitled to a \$500 cleaning allowance.
- f. All commissioned personnel required to wear uniform footwear are entitled to a \$150 annual allowance.

**29. Driver License Services Reporting.** From amounts appropriated above in Goal D, the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the relevant standing committees of the Legislature on the effectiveness of improvements made to the driver license operations no later than December 1 of each fiscal year. The report shall include information related to specific expenditures, program outcomes and outputs, obstacles to improvement, and any other information that the department deems necessary to fully report on the progress of driver license operations. The report shall also detail the following: (1) number of available work stations in the state; (2) average wait times for each mega center; (3) number of available FTEs; (4) average wait times at all driver license offices; (5) an analysis and explanation if wait times have increased at any driver license office; and (6) current and future improvements to driver license operations and customer service.

**30. Appropriation for Training on Incident Based Reporting.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Crime Records Services, the Department of Public Safety is appropriated \$360,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$360,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for training on, and audit of, local law enforcement agencies' incident-based reporting.

**31. Hiring Officers with Previous Experience.** From funds appropriated above, the Department of Public Safety may, at the time a commissioned officer is hired, elect to credit up to four years of experience as a peace officer in any state within the United States as years of service for the purpose of calculating the officer's salary under Salary Classification Schedule C as provided in Article IX, Section 2.01 of this Act. All officers hired under this provision are subject to the one-year probationary period under Government Code, Section 411.007 (g) notwithstanding the officer's rank or salary classification.

### **32. Differential Pay.**

- a. Included in the amounts appropriated by this Act to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the estimated amount of \$1,300,000 from the General Revenue Fund is allocated for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2027, for the purpose of providing differential pay for hard to fill or specialized service non-commissioned Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions.
- b. DPS is authorized to pay differential pay for hard to fill or specialized service non-commissioned FTEs, so long as the resulting salary rate does not exceed the rate designated as the maximum rate for the applicable salary group. An employee is no longer eligible to receive this pay when the employee transfers to a position or locality that is not hard to fill or a specialized service.

**33. Border Security Cost Containment Efforts.** The Department of Public Safety shall submit a report each fiscal year of the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, detailing the effectiveness of various cost containment measures the department has implemented, and proposing additional measures to reduce the department's operating costs with respect to the department's border security operations. Not later than October 15 of each fiscal year, the department shall submit the report to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and the Governor, in the form those offices require. Cost containment measures the department must consider include:

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- a. eliminating duplicate functions within the department;
- b. having the department perform functions that are being performed by a private contractor; and
- c. using technology to simplify department functions.

**34. Transfer Prohibition - Goal B, Secure the Texas Border.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01 of this Act, the Department of Public Safety shall not transfer funds out of Goal B, Secure the Texas Border, for any purpose other than border security with the following exception: funding for overtime pay sufficient to increase the work week for all of the agency's troopers to an average of 50 hours per week. Any other expenditure of these funds on a purpose other than border security are subject to the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board. Any funds appropriated for border security not expended for the purpose of border security shall lapse to the treasury.

**35. Transfer Prohibition - Goal D, Driver License Services.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01 or other provision of this Act, the Department of Public Safety may not transfer funds out of Goal D, Driver License Services, without the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

**36. Crime Laboratory Cost Containment.** The Department of Public Safety shall use the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services, to implement ongoing improvements in productivity and develop cost containment measures. Cost containment measures the Department must consider include:

- (1) maintaining communication with agencies requesting forensic evidence testing on the status of cases before forensic testing occurs; and
- (2) stopping work on a forensic test in accordance with applicable accreditation standards for instances in which DPS has begun forensic testing that is determined to be unnecessary.

**37. Crime Laboratory Services.**

- (a) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01 or other provisions of the Act, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall not transfer funds out of Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services, without the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) Using the funds appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services, DPS shall improve crime laboratory capacity and prioritize the testing of backlogged Sexual Assault Kits.
- (c) Out of Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services, \$900,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium shall be allocated for an interagency contract with the Forensic Science Department at Sam Houston State University for assistance with training, research, and other services.

**38. Office of the Inspector General.** From funds appropriated above, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) shall not transfer appropriations from Strategy E.1.6, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), without prior written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. DPS shall not reduce the number of full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) allocated to the OIG (26.0 FTEs) without prior written approval from the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.

DPS shall provide indirect support and administrative resources as necessary to enable OIG to fulfill statutory responsibilities, and the manner in which they are provided shall not infringe on the independence of the OIG.

Budget requests or other requests related to the General Appropriations Act provisions shall be submitted by DPS in a manner that maintains the independence of the OIG.

**39. Texas Transnational Intelligence Center.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Routine Operations, is \$250,000 and 4.0 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 and 4.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center. Any unexpended balances remaining on August 31, 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. This appropriation shall be considered border security funding.

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- 40. Compassionate Use Program.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is appropriated all fees and other miscellaneous revenue generated by the Compassionate Use Program, pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Chapter 487. DPS shall use the generated revenue for the administration of the Compassionate Use Program. The agency shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 15 of each fiscal year detailing all fees collected under the Compassionate Use Program and the use of those fees in the direct administration of the Compassionate Use Program.
- 41. Recruit Schools.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development, the Department of Public Safety is appropriated \$71,053,671 in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,321,117 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to conduct a minimum of six recruit school classes with an estimated graduation rate of 100 new troopers per class.
- 42. Contingency Personnel, DNA Analyses.** Contingent on the receipt of federal funds or interagency contracts for DNA analyses or DNA backlog elimination purposes in an amount sufficient to cover the costs related to the additional personnel authorized by this rider, the Department of Public Safety is authorized 18.0 full-time equivalent positions. These additional full-time equivalent positions are included in the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" figure indicated above.
- 43. Human Trafficking Prevention and Enforcement.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) is \$16,797,013 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,053,121 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and \$4,950,011 each fiscal year in General Revenue-Dedicated Sexual Assault Account No. 5010, appropriated by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, to address human trafficking and anti-gang activities.
- 44. Essential Supplies for Agency Staff Engaged in Disaster Response.** Out of the funds appropriated above, and pursuant to Government Code, Section 411.0132, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) may expend funds to purchase food and beverages for use by DPS staff engaged in training activities approved by the Director of DPS. DPS is also authorized to purchase food and beverages as required for use by DPS staff engaged in an emergency situation, incident, or disaster response activity. DPS shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor of all food and water purchases within 45 business days of the date of such purchases.
- 45. Statewide Safe Gun Storage Campaign.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Regulatory Services, is \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the continuation and promotion of the statewide safe gun storage campaign. DPS shall:
- (a) work with the Texas School Safety Center to develop and distribute educational resources;
  - (b) work with the Department of State Health Services to distribute educational materials and resources throughout the state;
  - (c) work with the Health and Human Services Commission to distribute educational resources through Texas WIC offices;
  - (d) work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to distribute educational materials to our higher education institutions;
  - (e) work with the Texas Education Agency to distribute educational materials to our public education and private education schools; and
  - (f) work with the Texas Department of Transportation to amplify the "Keep 'Em Safe Texas" safe gun storage campaign.

The public awareness campaign may include online materials, printed materials, public service announcements, or other advertising media. The public awareness campaign may not convey a message that is unlawful under state law to keep or store a firearm that is loaded or that is readily accessible for self-defense.

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- 46. Training Academy Recruitment Payment.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Department of Public Safety in Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development, is \$1,500,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund to provide academy graduates a one-time recruitment payment not to exceed \$5,000 pursuant to Government Code, Section 659.262.
- 47. Youth Foster Driver License Program.** Included in amounts above in Strategy E.1.1, Headquarters Administration, is \$280,453 each fiscal year in General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5177, Identification Fee Exemption Fund, for the Department of Public Safety to transfer by interagency contract (IAC) to the Texas Workforce Commission to support the Youth Foster Driver License Program.
- 48. Maritime Security and Intelligence.** From funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Intelligence, the Department of Public Safety shall allocate \$220,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium to be used to employ two maritime sector analysts devoted exclusively to crime and security analysis of maritime critical infrastructure.
- 49. Estimated Appropriation for Account No. 5185, DNA Testing.** For the 2026-27 biennium, the Department of Public Safety is appropriated all additional revenue from General Revenue-Dedicated Account No. 5185, DNA Testing, that is collected in excess of the amount reported in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for the 2026-27 biennium, for the purposes of collecting and analyzing DNA samples provided by defendants.
- 50. Organized Retail Theft Prevention Unit.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Criminal Investigations, is \$1,266,312 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,266,311 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 7.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to create an Organized Retail Theft Prevention Unit to target and pursue criminal organizations that profit from retail theft. DPS shall provide a report to the Legislature no later than December 1 of each fiscal year on the activities of the unit including the number of investigations conducted, number of apprehensions, establishments advised, and geographical data.
- 51. Unexpended Balances: League City Driver License Office.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, are unexpended and unobligated balances related to Rider 53, League City Driver License Office, in House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. These funds are to be used for the construction of a driver license office in League City.
- Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.
- 55. Special Threat Training Facility.** The Department of Public Safety shall provide guidance and oversight over operations of the Special Threat Training Facility in Montgomery County.
- 56. Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Company F.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Texas Rangers, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) from the General Revenue Fund to be used only for the purpose of expanding the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum located in Waco, Texas and supporting the construction of new DPS office space for Company F at the same location.
- 57. New Trooper Funding.**
- (a) Included in the amounts appropriated above is:
- (1) \$6,651,701 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,809,926 from the General Revenue Fund and 37.5 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.1, Intelligence;
  - (2) \$834,668 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$737,659 from the General Revenue Fund and 5.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.1.2, Interoperability;
  - (3) \$23,242,440 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,621,740 from the General Revenue Fund and 65.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.2.1, Criminal Investigations;

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- (4) \$185,448,565 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$84,352,205 from the General Revenue Fund and 524.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy A.3.1, Texas Highway Patrol;
  - (5) \$5,227,917 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,013,963 from the General Revenue Fund and 14.0 FTEs for fiscal year 2027 in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Laboratory Services;
  - (6) \$9,035,742 from the General Revenue Fund and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,789,617 from the General Revenue and 81.0 FTEs in fiscal year 2027 to Strategy E.1.1, Headquarters Administration; and
  - (7) \$49,853,173 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development to be used for 567.0 commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 support staff FTE positions.
- (b) Each fiscal year, DPS shall lapse any appropriations from the General Revenue Fund as listed above in Subsection (a) that have not been expended or obligated for the purpose of training or funding 567.0 new commissioned law enforcement FTE positions and 159.5 new support staff FTE positions. On October 1 of each fiscal year, DPS shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, the number of commissioned officers and support staff hired and trained in the prior fiscal year and the amount of lapsed appropriations.
- (c) DPS shall also use the General Revenue appropriations and FTEs positions as listed above in Subsection (a) for the purpose of providing expanded capitol complex security in the 2026-27 biennium.

- 58. Driver License Office.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$9,547,117 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund, \$8,143,519 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund, and 83.3 full-time equivalent positions for the establishment of a twenty-four counter driver license office located within the following geographic boundaries: east of Interstate-35, west of State Highway 130, north of Farm-to-Market 2720, and south of Farm-to-Market 2001. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027.
- 59. Tactical Training Facility in Cameron County.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy E.1.4, Training Academy and Development, is \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to operate, manage, and maintain a tactical training facility in the border region. The facility may contain pistol firing lanes and long-range rifle firing lanes. DPS shall make the training facility available for use by the agency, Texas Military Forces, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, and agencies of the federal government for training purposes. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 and appropriated to the department for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026 for the same purpose.
- 60. Magnolia Driver License Office.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Driver License Services, is \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund, and 30 full-time equivalent positions to establish a drivers license office in Magnolia. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2027, are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2027.

**RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,166,474,649	\$ 1,249,588,091
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 3,318,426	\$ 3,504,899



**RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE**  
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Federal Funds	\$ 21,893,733	\$ 26,544,582
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,191,686,808</u>	<u>\$ 1,279,637,572</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS Retirement Contributions. Estimated.	\$ 290,089,875	\$ 288,848,217
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.	740,620,035	813,863,576
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> PUBLIC SAFETY BENEFITS Public Safety Benefits. Estimated.	45,150,832	54,150,832
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> LECOS RETIREMENT PROGRAM LECOS Retirement Program Contributions. Estimated.	44,309,946	44,301,739
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> PROBATION HEALTH INSURANCE Insurance Contributions for Local CSCD Employees. Estimated.	<u>71,516,120</u>	<u>78,473,208</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 1,191,686,808</u>	<u>\$ 1,279,637,572</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u>\$ 1,191,686,808</u>	<u>\$ 1,279,637,572</u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 303,715,428	\$ 302,002,743
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 556,678	\$ 560,975
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 4,850,200</u>	<u>\$ 6,183,914</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 309,122,306</u>	<u>\$ 308,747,632</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	\$ 308,729,114	\$ 308,427,967
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>393,192</u>	<u>319,665</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 309,122,306</u>	<u>\$ 308,747,632</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>\$ 309,122,306</u>	<u>\$ 308,747,632</u>

**BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 39,851,746	\$ 36,749,915
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 39,851,746</u>	<u>\$ 36,749,915</u>

**BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS**  
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<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE	\$ 39,851,746	\$ 36,749,915
To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> & UB
<b>Grand Total, BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 39,851,746</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,749,915</u></u>

**LEASE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ <u>2,587,497</u>	\$ <u>2,782,276</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,587,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,782,276</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 2,587,497	\$ 2,782,276
To TFC for Payment to TPFA.	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u> & UB
<b>Grand Total, LEASE PAYMENTS</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,587,497</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,782,276</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE V  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$ 60,436,206	\$ 60,236,205
Department of Criminal Justice	4,834,714,176	4,687,047,746
Commission on Fire Protection	3,470,884	2,600,884
Commission on Jail Standards	2,367,288	2,132,288
Juvenile Justice Department	526,407,475	453,738,820
Commission on Law Enforcement	18,402,353	16,942,089
Military Department	1,206,324,882	1,200,169,410
Department of Public Safety	<u>1,857,829,280</u>	<u>1,570,499,514</u>
Subtotal, Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$ 8,509,952,544	\$ 7,993,366,956
Retirement and Group Insurance	1,166,474,649	1,249,588,091
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>303,715,428</u>	<u>302,002,743</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,470,190,077	\$ 1,551,590,834
Bond Debt Service Payments	39,851,746	36,749,915
Lease Payments	<u>2,587,497</u>	<u>2,782,276</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 42,439,243</u>	<u>\$ 39,532,191</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE V - PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u>\$ 10,022,581,864</u>	<u>\$ 9,584,489,981</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE V  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Criminal Justice	\$ 726,777	\$ 726,778
Commission on Law Enforcement	3,510	2,000
Department of Public Safety	<u>12,516,431</u>	<u>12,605,879</u>
Subtotal, Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$ 13,246,718	\$ 13,334,657
Retirement and Group Insurance	3,318,426	3,504,899
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>556,678</u>	<u>560,975</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 3,875,104</u>	<u>\$ 4,065,874</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE V - PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u><u>\$ 17,121,822</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,400,531</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE V  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000
Department of Criminal Justice	9,284,222	9,251,640
Juvenile Justice Department	7,838,159	7,838,159
Military Department	71,986,763	71,059,119
Department of Public Safety	<u>56,775,681</u>	<u>33,672,742</u>
Subtotal, Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$ 146,284,825	\$ 122,221,660
Retirement and Group Insurance	21,893,733	26,544,582
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>4,850,200</u>	<u>6,183,914</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 26,743,933</u>	<u>\$ 32,728,496</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE V - PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u><u>\$ 173,028,758</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 154,950,156</u></u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE V  
 PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
 (Other Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Department of Criminal Justice	71,062,396	71,062,395
Commission on Fire Protection	225,000	225,000
Commission on Jail Standards	1,425	1,425
Juvenile Justice Department	14,963,544	14,963,544
Commission on Law Enforcement	774,000	733,000
Military Department	11,148,500	11,148,500
Department of Public Safety	<u>68,581,475</u>	<u>68,433,251</u>
Subtotal, Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$ 166,856,340	\$ 166,667,115
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 84,657,980</u>	<u>\$ 84,657,980</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE V - PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u><u>\$ 82,198,360</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 82,009,135</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE V  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$ 60,936,206	\$ 60,736,205
Department of Criminal Justice	4,915,787,571	4,768,088,559
Commission on Fire Protection	3,695,884	2,825,884
Commission on Jail Standards	2,368,713	2,133,713
Juvenile Justice Department	549,209,178	476,540,523
Commission on Law Enforcement	19,179,863	17,677,089
Military Department	1,289,460,145	1,282,377,029
Department of Public Safety	<u>1,995,702,867</u>	<u>1,685,211,386</u>
Subtotal, Public Safety and Criminal Justice	\$ 8,836,340,427	\$ 8,295,590,388
Retirement and Group Insurance	1,191,686,808	1,279,637,572
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>309,122,306</u>	<u>308,747,632</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,500,809,114	\$ 1,588,385,204
Bond Debt Service Payments	39,851,746	36,749,915
Lease Payments	<u>2,587,497</u>	<u>2,782,276</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 42,439,243	\$ 39,532,191
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 84,657,980</u>	<u>\$ 84,657,980</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE V - PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	<u>\$ 10,294,930,804</u>	<u>\$ 9,838,849,803</u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	57,802.5	57,802.5





ARTICLE VI

NATURAL RESOURCES

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated natural resources agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 79,597,255	\$ 77,595,628
GR Match for Community Development Block Grants	<u>1,932,258</u>	<u>1,932,259</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 81,529,513	\$ 79,527,887
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Permanent Fund Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Account No. 5047	\$ 2,060,000	\$ 2,060,000
State Hemp Program Fund No. 5178	<u>569,621</u>	<u>569,621</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 2,629,621	\$ 2,629,621
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Funds	\$ 743,844,248	\$ 748,518,670
Texas Department of Rural Affairs Federal Fund No. 5091	<u>69,690,000</u>	<u>69,690,000</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 813,534,248	\$ 818,208,670
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Texas Economic Development Fund No. 0183	\$ 2,519,704	\$ 2,519,704
Pesticide Disposal Fund No. 0186	641,500	641,500
Permanent Endowment Fund for Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program No. 0364	116,000	106,000
Appropriated Receipts	5,368,648	5,368,648
Texas Agricultural Fund No. 683	1,156,000	1,156,000
Interagency Contracts	432,485	432,484
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>69,031</u>	<u>69,031</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 10,303,368</u>	<u>\$ 10,293,367</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 907,996,750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 910,659,545</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	\$ 4,757,906	\$ 4,803,830
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 99.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	755.2	755.2
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Commissioner of Agriculture, Group 5	\$140,938	\$140,938
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> AGRICULTURAL TRADE & RURAL AFFAIRS		
Agricultural Trade & Rural Community Development and Rural Health.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$ 13,488,952	\$ 13,513,953
Maintain Trade and Promote Texas Agriculture & Economic Opportunities.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> RURAL COMMUNITY AND ECO DEVELOPMENT	71,277,289	71,277,289
Provide Grants for Community and Economic Development in Rural Areas.		

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<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> RURAL HEALTH	<u>6,685,971</u>	<u>6,675,971</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> AGRICULTURAL TRADE & RURAL AFFAIRS	\$ 91,452,212	\$ 91,467,213
<b>B. Goal:</b> PROTECT TX AG PRODUCERS & CONSUMERS		
Protect Texas Agricultural Producers and Consumers.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PLANT HEALTH AND SEED QUALITY Verify Health & Quality of Plants/SeedsGrown/Sold/Transported in Texas.	\$ 8,929,739	\$ 8,929,738
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> COMMODITY REGULATION & PRODUCTN Agricultural Commodity Regulation and Production.	981,901	981,901
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> REGULATE PESTICIDE USE	14,618,561	14,618,561
<b>B.2.2. Strategy:</b> STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL	2,746,934	2,746,934
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> WEIGHTS/MEASURES DEVICE ACCURACY Inspect Weighing and Measuring Devices for Customer Protection.	<u>5,028,001</u>	<u>5,028,001</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROTECT TX AG PRODUCERS & CONSUMERS	\$ 32,305,136	\$ 32,305,135
<b>C. Goal:</b> FOOD AND NUTRITION		
Provide Funding and Assistance for Food and Nutrition Programs.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> NUTRITION PROGRAMS (FEDERAL) Support Federally Funded Nutrition Programs in Schools and Communities.	\$ 735,680,559	\$ 740,354,982
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> NUTRITION ASSISTANCE (STATE) Nutrition Assistance for At-Risk Children and Adults (State).	<u>32,444,630</u>	<u>32,444,630</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> FOOD AND NUTRITION	\$ 768,125,189	\$ 772,799,612
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,054,934	\$ 7,054,934
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	6,557,638	4,531,010
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>2,501,641</u>	<u>2,501,641</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 16,114,213</u>	<u>\$ 14,087,585</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>	<u><u>\$ 907,996,750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 910,659,545</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 50,708,703	\$ 50,708,705
Other Personnel Costs	1,343,898	1,343,899
Professional Fees and Services	5,601,073	4,601,074
Fuels and Lubricants	599,868	599,868
Consumable Supplies	284,101	284,099
Utilities	713,318	713,319
Travel	1,827,113	1,827,115
Rent - Building	1,668,976	1,668,975
Rent - Machine and Other	577,865	577,864
Other Operating Expense	16,566,810	16,581,805
Client Services	658,717,598	663,392,025
Grants	167,568,394	167,568,393
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,819,033</u>	<u>792,404</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 907,996,750</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 910,659,545</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 4,174,805	\$ 4,212,609
Group Insurance	10,309,547	10,593,654
Social Security	3,396,610	3,427,376
Benefits Replacement	<u>14,810</u>	<u>12,040</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 17,895,772	\$ 18,245,679

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Debt Service		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 1,065,396	\$ 1,361,978
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 18,961,168	\$ 19,607,657

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Agriculture. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Agriculture. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Agriculture shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: AGRICULTURAL TRADE &amp; RURAL AFFAIRS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent Increase in the Number of Business Assists Facilitated	3%	2%
Percent of Rural Communities Assisted	30%	30%
Percent of Small Communities Newly Benefiting from Public Facility, Economic Development, Housing Assistance and Planning Projects	10%	10%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: TRADE &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Rural Community Assists	900	900
Rural Development Activities and Events in Which TDA Participated	500	500
Number of Pounds of Fruits, Vegetables, Peanuts and Nuts Inspected (in Billions)	6.47	6.6
Number of Entities Enrolled in TDA Marketing Programs	2,350	2,350
Number of Businesses Assisted	4,150	4,250
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: RURAL COMMUNITY AND ECO DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Community/Economic Development Contracts Awarded	100	100
Number of Projected Beneficiaries from New Community/Economic Development Contracts Awarded	200,000	200,000
Number of Programmatic Monitoring Activities Performed	150	150
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: RURAL HEALTH</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Low Interest Loans and Grants Awarded to Rural Hospitals	25	25
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT TX AG PRODUCERS &amp; CONSUMERS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Seed Samples Found to Be in Full Compliance with State and Federal Standards	97%	97%
Percent of Ag Pesticide Inspections in Compliance with Pesticide Laws and Regulations	92%	92%
Percent of Complaints Resolved within Six Months	85%	85%
Percent of Independent School Districts Inspected Found to Be in Compliance	55%	55%
Percent of Total Weights and Measures Device Routine Inspections Found in Full Compliance with State and Federal Standards	94%	94%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: PLANT HEALTH AND SEED QUALITY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Official Seed Inspection Samples Drawn & Submitted for Analysis	3,500	3,500
Number of Nursery and Floral Establishment Inspections Conducted	8,000	8,000
Number of Hours Spent at Inspections of Plant Shipments and Regulated Articles	20,000	20,000
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: COMMODITY REGULATION &amp; PRODUCTN</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Egg Packer, Dealer, Wholesaler, and Retailer Inspections Conducted	2,100	2,100
Number of Grain Warehouse Inspections, Re-inspections, and Audits Conducted	140	140

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**B.2.1. Strategy:** REGULATE PESTICIDE USE

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Agricultural Pesticide Complaint Investigations Conducted	225	225
Number of Inspections to Verify Compliance for Organic or Other Crop Production Certification Programs	200	200

**B.2.2. Strategy:** STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL

**Output (Volume):**

Number of New Individual and Business Licenses Issued	8,000	8,000
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals and Businesses)	27,500	27,500
Number of Complaints Resolved	125	125
Number of Structural Business License Inspections Conducted	1,150	1,150
Number of School Inspections Performed	225	225

**B.3.1. Strategy:** WEIGHTS/MEASURES DEVICE  
ACCURACY

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Weights and Measures Device Inspections Conducted	40,000	40,000
Number of Weights and Measures Random-Standard Package and Price Verification Inspections Conducted	2,500	2,500

**C. Goal:** FOOD AND NUTRITION

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percent of School Districts with No Compliance Review Fiscal Action	90%	90%
Average Daily Number of Children and Adults Served Meals through Child and Adult Food Care Program	775,000	775,000

**C.1.1. Strategy:** NUTRITION PROGRAMS (FEDERAL)

**Output (Volume):**

Number of School Staff Trained on School Nutrition Program (SNP) Regulations and Policies	30,000	30,000
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not identified for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Computer Equipment & Software	\$ 382,500	\$ 380,000
b. Other Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP)		
(1) Lease Payments - Weight Truck	\$ 18,934	\$ 18,836
(2) Lease Payments - LC/T Mass Spectrometer	20,719	20,540
Total, Other Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP)	\$ 39,653	\$ 39,376
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 35,309	\$ 35,312
(2) Data Center Services	1,109,803	1,109,803
Total, Data Center/Shared Technology Services	\$ 1,145,112	\$ 1,145,115
d. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Consolidation and Modernization of Legacy Systems	\$ 2,026,628	\$ 0
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 3,593,893	\$ 1,564,491

Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,431,326	\$ 1,397,461
GR Match for Community Development Block Grants	15,578	15,085
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,446,904	\$ 1,412,546

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<u>Federal Funds</u>			
Federal Funds	\$	127,745	\$ 133,310
Texas Department of Rural Affairs Federal Fund No. 5091		<u>9,164</u>	<u>8,874</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$	136,909	\$ 142,184
Appropriated Receipts	\$	<u>10,080</u>	\$ <u>9,761</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$	<u>3,593,893</u>	\$ <u>1,564,491</u>

- 3. Land Donations.** In connection with the performance of its various responsibilities and programs the Department of Agriculture is authorized to use funds appropriated by this Act to lease and/or accept the donation of land or the use of land from: (1) governmental agencies; (2) private firms; (3) corporations; (4) individuals; (5) or other persons.
- 4. Texas Agricultural Fund.** In addition to the appropriation made in Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-i, the proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of Article III, Section 49-f and in accordance with subsection 49-f(g) are appropriated to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for the purposes authorized by subsection 49-f(g). In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority is appropriated out of the Texas Agricultural Fund No. 683 each fiscal year, all necessary amounts required to pay principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-i and Article III, Section 49-f, to pay costs of administering such bonds, to cover any defaults on loans referenced under Agriculture Code, Chapter 58, Subchapters C and E, and to make payments for the purpose of providing reduced interest rates on loans guaranteed to borrowers as authorized by Agriculture Code, Section 58.052(e).
- 5. Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP) Payments.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture from the General Revenue Fund in strategies identified below include the following estimated amounts required each fiscal year to make lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority for the revenue bonds issued to finance the following:

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
(a) B.3.1, Weights & Measure Device Accuracy		
(1) Weight Truck Purchase	\$ 18,934	\$ 18,836
(b) B.2.1, Regulate Pesticide Use		
(1) Liquid Chromatograph/Tandem Mass Spectrometer	\$ 20,719	\$ 20,540
Total, Estimated MLPP Payments	\$ 39,653	\$ 39,376

The Department of Agriculture shall set fees for the Weights, Measures, and Metrology and Pesticide programs necessary to recover an amount equal to the amount of the appropriations made above for lease payments, and maintain the fee rate in such an amount during the term of any revenue obligations authorized herein.

- 6. Yardage Fees.** Amounts appropriated above each fiscal year include an amount not to exceed \$159,513 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Economic Development, from yardage fee revenue collected by the Texas Department of Agriculture for maintenance and operating expenses for livestock export pens pursuant to Agriculture Code, Section 146.021.
- 7. Food and Nutrition Programs.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2026-27 biennium include \$1,475,394,373 out of Federal Funds and \$560,912 out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.1, Nutrition Programs (Federal), to administer the Food and Nutrition Programs and to make payments to providers participating in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program 1.5 percent Audit, the Summer Food Service Program, the Emergency Food Assistance Program, Farmers Market Nutritional Program, Seniors Farmers Market Nutritional Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the Commodity Distribution Programs, and private and nonprofit institutions participating in the Special Milk Program, National School Lunch Program, and the School Breakfast Program.

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The Child Nutrition Program (CNP) is administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture pursuant to a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Payments to independent school districts for the CNP are funded in the Texas Education Agency's budget. Amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Education Agency for the 2026-27 biennium include \$5,861,808,505 out of Federal Funds and \$28,486,002 out of the General Revenue Fund to provide reimbursement for the National School Lunch Program, the After School Care Program, the Seamless Summer Option, and the School Breakfast Program.

- 8. Texas Shrimp Marketing Assistance Program.** Amounts appropriated above out of Interagency Contracts total an estimated \$156,867 each fiscal year, which includes \$140,002 in Strategy A.1.1, Economic Development, \$9,168 in Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, \$4,446 in Strategy D.1.2, Information Resources, and \$3,251 in Strategy D.1.3, Other Support Services, from fee revenue transferred from the Parks and Wildlife Department pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 77.002(c) for the purpose of administering the Texas Shrimp Marketing Program.
- 9. Texans Feeding Texans.** Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, includes the following:
  - (a) \$10,081,480 each fiscal year to fund the Texans Feeding Texans (Surplus Agricultural Product Grant Program) to offset the costs of harvesting, gleaning and transporting agricultural products to Texas food banks.
  - (b) \$12,432,584 each fiscal year to fund the Texans Feeding Texans (Home Delivered Meals Grant Program) to defray the costs of providing home-delivered meals to homebound elderly and disabled Texans. The Department of Agriculture may award grants to organizations providing this service that have also received matching funds from the county where meals are served.
  - (c) Out of the amounts identified in subsection (a) above for the Surplus Agricultural Grant Program, no less than \$5,000,000 each fiscal year shall be used to provide food and may not be used for costs including facility expansion or renovation, increasing capacity, transportation, equipment, technology, personnel, administration, indirect administration, or to purchase generators.
- 10. Hostable Cotton Fee.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, any fees collected in accordance with Agriculture Code, Section 74.0032, in excess of amounts for the applicable object code contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate in each fiscal year are appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Pesticide Use, for the purpose of cotton stalk destruction regulatory activities.
- 11. Administrative Allocation: Councils of Governments.** From the federal administrative monies made available to the Department of Agriculture under the Community Development Block Grant Program, an amount up to 19 percent of such monies shall be allocated for the councils of government, based upon agreements between the Department of Agriculture and each council of government, for technical assistance services that comply with the rules, policies, and standards established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- 12. Estimated Appropriation and Unexpended Balance for Certain Permanent Funds and Endowments.**
  - (a) The estimated amounts appropriated above out of the Permanent Endowment Fund for Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program No. 0364, are out of the amounts available for distribution or investment returns of the funds. Amounts available for distribution or investment returns in excess of the amounts estimated above are also appropriated to the Department of Agriculture. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.
  - (b) The estimated amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Permanent Fund Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Account No. 5047 are out of the available earnings of the fund. Available earnings in excess of the amounts estimated above are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture. In the event that amounts available for distribution or investment returns are less than the amounts estimated above, this Act may not

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be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for fiscal year 2027.

- (c) Any unobligated and unexpended appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, made to the Department of Agriculture from the Permanent Endowment Fund for Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program No. 0364 and the General Revenue-Dedicated Permanent Fund Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Account No. 5047 are appropriated for the same purposes in the same strategies for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

### 13. Limitation on Use of Funds.

- (a) State agencies that are appropriated funds from the receipts collected pursuant to the Comprehensive Tobacco Settlement Agreement and Release, including distributions from funds, shall submit a budget by November 1 of each year of the biennium to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. This budget shall describe the purposes and amounts for which such funds will be expended by the state agency. No funds described in this budget may be expended by the state agency or institution of higher education until the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor receive the budget.
- (b) Authorized managers of permanent funds and endowments whose earnings are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture shall provide a copy of year end financial reports to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor by November 1 of each year of the biennium. These reports should include, at a minimum, an income statement and balance sheet for each fund, and a summary of the investment return of the fund during the preceding fiscal year.

### 14. Colonia Set-Aside Program Allocation.

The Department of Agriculture (TDA) shall continue the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Colonia Set-Aside Program by allocating not less than 10 percent of the yearly allocation of CDBG funds for eligible activities to assist in providing for the housing, planning, and infrastructure needs in colonias. From this 10 percent yearly allocation, 34 percent of the Colonia Set-Aside Allocation shall be reserved to provide financial assistance to units of general local government located in economically distressed areas as defined by Water Code, Section 17.921 to pay for residential service lines, hookups, and plumbing improvements associated with being connected to a water supply or sewer service system, any part of which is financed under the economically distressed areas program established under Water Code, Chapter 16, Subchapter J and Water Code, Chapter 17, Subchapter K or similar federal or state funding.

In addition, TDA shall allocate 2.5 percent of the CDBG monies to support the operation of the Colonia Self-Help Centers and shall transfer such funds to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

### 15. Administration of Public Health Funds.

Funds are appropriated above out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Permanent Fund Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Account No. 5047 for the purpose of administering Government Code, Chapter 487 Office of Rural Affairs in Department of Agriculture, Subchapter H Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement. In no event shall the administrative costs to implement the provisions of the bill exceed three percent. Grants and program costs must compose at least 97 percent of the expenditures to implement the provisions of the bill.

### 16. Informational Listing - Permanent Funds and Endowments.

The following is an informational list of the amounts used to capitalize certain Permanent Funds and Endowments created by House Bill 1676, Seventy-sixth Legislature and by Senate Bill 126, Seventy-seventh Legislature, and does not make appropriations.

General Revenue-Dedicated Permanent Fund for Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Account No. 5047 (Rural Hospital Infrastructure)	\$ 50,000,000
Permanent Endowment Fund for the Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program No. 0364	\$ 2,500,000

### 17. Appropriation of Loan Repayments.

Loan repayments, interest, and reimbursements of expenses received by the Department of Agriculture pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 487,

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are appropriated to the agency as Appropriated Receipts in the 2026-27 biennium for use in any active Government Code, Chapter 487 programs. The Department of Agriculture may also expend these funds for the purpose of reimbursing community matching fund contributions for forgivable educational loans made pursuant to Government Code, Section 487.154.

**18. Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program.** Amounts appropriated above out of Interagency Contracts include \$250,000 each fiscal year, which includes \$229,000 in Strategy A.1.1, Economic Development, \$11,416 in Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration, \$5,536 in Strategy D.1.2, Information Resources, and \$4,048 in Strategy D.1.3, Other Support Services, from fee revenue transferred from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission pursuant to Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 5.56 for the purpose of administering the Texas Wine Marketing Assistance Program.

### **19. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Cost Recovery Programs.**

- (a) Fees and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the cost recovery programs in the following strategies shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made in the following strategies, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act:
  - (1) Strategy A.1.1, Trade & Economic Development: Direct costs for the Livestock Export Pens (Agriculture Code, Section 146, Subchapter B) and International and Domestic Trade (Agriculture Code, Chapter 12) cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$545,462 in fiscal year 2026 and \$545,462 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$61,285 for fiscal year 2026 and \$61,876 for fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3400, 3420, 3428, 3755).
  - (2) Strategy B.1.1, Plant Health and Seed Quality: Direct costs for the Plant Health (Agriculture Code, Chapter 61 & 62) and Hemp (Agriculture Code, Chapter 121 & 122) cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$1,729,691 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,729,691 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$376,631 for fiscal year 2026 and \$380,269 for fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3400 and 3414).
  - (3) Strategy B.1.2, Commodity Regulation & Production: Direct costs for the Egg Quality Regulation (Agriculture Code, Chapter 132), Handling and Marketing of Perishable Commodities (Agriculture Code, Chapter 101), and Grain Warehouse (Agriculture Code, Chapter 14) cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$859,440 in fiscal year 2026 and \$859,440 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$243,505 for fiscal year 2026 and \$245,855 for fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3400 and 3414).
  - (4) Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Pesticide Use: Direct costs for the Agricultural Pesticide Regulation (Agriculture Code, Chapter 76), Organic Certification (Agriculture Code, Chapter 18), and Prescribed Burn (Natural Resources Code, Chapter 153) cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$5,134,300 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,134,300 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,557,467 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,572,507 for fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3400, 3404, and 3410).
  - (5) Strategy B.2.2, Structural Pest Control: Direct costs for the Structural Pest Control (Occupations Code, Chapter 1951, Subchapter E) cost recovery program are estimated to be \$2,497,727 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,497,727 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$810,784 for fiscal year 2026 and \$818,619 for fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Code: 3175).
  - (6) Strategy B.3.1, Weights & Measures Device Accuracy: Direct costs for the Weights, Measures, and Metrology (Agriculture Code, Chapter 13) cost recovery program are estimated to be \$3,328,976 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,328,976 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,067,542 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,077,849 in fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3400, 3402, and 3414).



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- (7) Strategy D.1.1, Central Administration: Indirect costs for the cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$1,528,694 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,528,694 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$375,656 in fiscal year 2026 and \$379,266 in fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3175, 3400, 3402, 3404, 3410, 3414, 3420, 3428, 3435, and 3795).
- (8) Strategy D.1.2, Information Resources: Indirect costs for the cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$741,321 in fiscal year 2026 and \$741,321 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$102,622 in fiscal year 2026 and \$103,606 in fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3175, 3400, 3402, 3404, 3410, 3414, 3420, 3428, 3435, and 3795).
- (9) Strategy D.1.3, Other Support Services: Indirect costs for the cost recovery programs are estimated to be \$542,066 in fiscal year 2026 and \$542,067 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$142,889 in fiscal year 2026 and \$144,266 in fiscal year 2027 (Revenue Object Codes: 3175, 3400, 3402, 3404, 3410, 3414, 3420, 3428, 3435, and 3795).

For informational purposes, total amounts identified for strategies in this subsection total \$16,907,677 in fiscal year 2026 and \$16,907,678 in fiscal year 2027 for direct costs and indirect administration and \$4,757,906 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,803,830 in fiscal year 2027 for "other direct and indirect costs".

These appropriations are contingent upon the Department of Agriculture (TDA) assessing fees sufficient to generate revenue to cover the General Revenue Fund and General Revenue-Dedicated State Hemp Program Fund No. 5178 appropriations for each strategy as well as the related "other direct and indirect costs". Of the totals identified above in subsection (2), \$569,621 each fiscal year is included in direct costs and \$26,364 in fiscal year 2026 and \$26,619 in fiscal year 2027 are included in "other direct and indirect costs" which are funded from General Revenue-Dedicated State Hemp Program Fund No. 5178. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections in strategies above are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to the affected strategy to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- (b) TDA shall provide a report to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board no later than the end of the second business week in March, June, and September (for the second, third, and fourth quarters) detailing the following information at both the strategy level and individual program activity level:
  - (1) The amount of fee generated revenues collected for each of the cost recovery programs. This information shall be provided in both strategy level detail and individual program detail;
  - (2) A projection of the revenues for each cost recovery program TDA estimates it will collect by the end of the respective fiscal year. This information shall be provided in both strategy level detail and individual program detail;
  - (3) A detailed explanation of the causes and effects of the current and anticipated fluctuations in revenue collections;
  - (4) The amount of expenditures for each of the cost recovery programs; and
  - (5) Any fee changes made during the fiscal year and the anticipated revenue impacts of those changes.

In the event that reported expenditures exceed revenues collected for any cost recovery program, the Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce the appropriation authority provided above to the affected strategy by an amount specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

- (c) Also, contingent on the generation of such revenue required above to fund TDA's cost recovery programs and related "other direct and indirect costs" TDA's "Number of Full-Time Equivalents" (FTEs) includes 179.4 FTEs in fiscal year 2026, and 179.4 FTEs in fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset

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the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may reduce the FTE cap provided by this Act to reflect the number of FTEs funded by the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- (d) If cost recovery revenues collected in the first year of the biennium exceed the cost recovery requirements above, the excess revenue may be counted towards the cost recovery requirement in the second year of the biennium in addition to the revenues collected in the second year.

**20. Texas Economic Development Fund No. 183.** Amounts in excess of the estimated appropriation above from all available earnings or unobligated fund balances from prior years from the Texas Economic Development Fund No. 183 are appropriated to the Department of Agriculture, except that the department shall retain in the fund a minimum balance of \$2,225,593, as required by Agriculture Code, Section 12.0273. In the event that amounts available for distribution are less than the estimated appropriated amount, this Act may not be construed as appropriating funds to make up the difference.

**21. Unexpended Balances within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Department of Agriculture are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Any unobligated and unexpended balances carried forward in a cost recovery program listed in Rider 19, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Cost Recovery Programs, may only be carried forward and expended in the same program from which the balance originated.

**22. Boll Weevil Eradication.** Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Pesticide Use, include \$4,853,559 each fiscal year to be transferred to the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation for efforts to eradicate the boll weevil.

The Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is required to provide a report each fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Board that provides details on the uses of appropriations transferred from the General Revenue Fund each year; the total number of cotton acres treated using funding from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation; information on all local matching funds and federal funds received by the foundation; and total cotton bale production in the State of Texas.

**23. Plant Disease.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Agriculture shall compile a report no later than December 1st of each even number calendar year to the Legislature detailing the plant disease strategies employed by the agency, identify the most likely pathways for new pests and disease to affect Texas agriculture, what diseases represent the greatest threat to agriculture, and what specific surveillance and mitigation efforts are underway to combat each disease currently in Texas as well as those likely to spread to Texas.

**24. Hemp Program Reporting.** The Department of Agriculture shall provide a quarterly report on the Hemp Program to the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee. This report shall include:

- (a) Amounts expended for program administration including a breakout of the direct and indirect operational costs incurred by the Hemp Program during the previous fiscal year.
- (b) Summary results of all audit and oversight activities conducted by the agency or another state entity of the Hemp Program.
- (c) Narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, and other information as appropriate.
- (d) Cumulative number of registered independent testing laboratories.
- (e) The cumulative number of and summary results for all pre-harvest testing performed by registered independent testing laboratories.
- (f) The cumulative number of and summary results for all postharvest testing performed by registered independent testing laboratories.
- (g) The cumulative number of hemp grower's licenses and consumable hemp product manufacturer's licenses issued and the number of such licenses renewed.

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- (h) Narrative explanations of any rules proposals or changes made with summary descriptions of why the rule change occurred.

**25. School Lunch Program.** To the extent allowed under law, it is the intent of the Legislature that amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture may not be used for the purpose of amending administrative rules for the School Lunch Program in order to adopt a fixed meal plan for procurement instead of a cost reimbursement procurement process.

**26. Rural Nursing Retention and Recruitment.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy A.2.2, Rural Health, include \$925,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$925,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to provide funding for Rural Nursing Recruitment and Retention stipends.
- (b) It is the intent of the legislature that grant recipients be required to commit to a minimum of three years in their position in order to receive a stipend.

**27. Citrus Inspectors.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy B.1.1, Plant Health and Seed Quality, include \$531,092 in fiscal year 2026 and \$531,092 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 6.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the purpose of inspecting citrus in the canker quarantine zones in Harris, Montgomery, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Galveston counties. In the event that the Department terminates the sale of all citrus plants in the aforementioned zones, any remainder of unspent funds for this strategy shall be returned to the state treasury. The Department is not prohibited from enforcing the stop sale provisions in Agriculture Code, Section 19.011, and a stop sale under this provision does not result in the agency having to return the funds appropriated herein.
- (b) The Department of Agriculture shall use appropriations and FTEs in subsection (a) of this rider to provide additional inspectors and necessary equipment for citrus canker quarantine zones.
- (c) No funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture in this act may be used for the implementation of a retail nursery customer registry related to citrus canker containment zones that collects the end-consumer's name or address information.

**28. Agricultural and Livestock Entry Point Inspection Stations.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in Strategy B.1.1, Plant Health and Seed Quality, include \$3,514,101 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,514,101 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 60.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the Department of Agriculture to operate five regional agricultural entry point inspection teams. The Department of Agriculture shall work with the Animal Health Commission as necessary for the operation of the stations and to allow the Animal Health Commission to conduct livestock inspections at these stations as needed.

**29. Department of Agriculture Grant Funding: Free Breakfast.** Of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,300,000 in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated to the Department of Agriculture from the General Revenue Fund to provide free breakfast in lieu of reduced priced breakfast to qualified students.

**30. Appropriation: License Plate Receipts.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Maintain Trade and Promote Texas Agriculture and Economic Opportunities, include all revenues collected, interest earned, and available balances on or after September 1, 2025, estimated to total \$138,062 for the 2026-27 biennium out of the License Plate Trust Fund No. 0802. The following is an informational listing of estimated collections per plate from specialty license plate sales totaling \$138,062 for the biennium and estimated available balances totaling \$0.

Specialty Plates	Revenue	Balance
American Quarter Horse Association specialty plates	\$21,000	\$0
Masonic Grant Lodge of Texas specialty plate	\$78,000	\$0
Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Chapter of Texas specialty plates	\$9,750	\$0

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Texas Honey Bee Education Association specialty plates	\$9,750	\$0
GO TEXAN specialty plates	\$19,562	\$0

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

**31. Department of Agriculture Grant Funding: Free Lunch.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Agriculture in strategy C.1.2, Nutrition Assistance for at-Risk Children and Adults, include \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,600,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund that shall be used to provide free lunch in lieu of reduced price lunch to qualified students.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 20,574,552	\$ 20,137,752
Federal Funds	\$ 1,766,722	\$ 1,766,722
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 22,341,274</u>	<u>\$ 21,904,474</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	219.2	219.2
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 6	\$194,807	\$194,807
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT/ENHANCE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH</b>		
Protect/Enhance Health of Texas Animal Populations.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: FIELD OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 14,027,127	\$ 13,666,729
Field Operations for Animal Health Management and Assurance Programs.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: DIAGNOSTIC/EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SUPPORT</b>	676,977	621,875
Diagnostic/Epidemiological Support Services.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: PROMOTE COMPLIANCE</b>	1,085,411	1,085,411
Promote Compliance and Resolve Violations.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>	<u>3,034,454</u>	<u>3,013,154</u>
Animal Emergency Management Preparedness and Response.		
<b>Total, Goal A: PROTECT/ENHANCE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH</b>	\$ 18,823,969	\$ 18,387,169
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 1,909,128	\$ 1,909,128
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES</b>	1,237,564	1,237,564
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<u>370,613</u>	<u>370,613</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 3,517,305</u>	<u>\$ 3,517,305</u>
<b>Grand Total, ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 22,341,274</u>	<u>\$ 21,904,474</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 14,245,378	\$ 14,245,378
Other Personnel Costs	298,551	298,551
Professional Fees and Services	141,595	141,595
Fuels and Lubricants	523,491	523,491
Consumable Supplies	214,440	207,439
Utilities	247,008	247,008
Travel	615,178	615,179

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Rent - Building	817,161	817,161
Rent - Machine and Other	61,795	61,795
Other Operating Expense	4,976,677	4,746,877
Capital Expenditures	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,341,274</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 21,904,474</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,130,357	\$ 1,140,504
Group Insurance	3,104,194	3,195,312
Social Security	934,826	943,226
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,715</u>	<u>2,207</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,172,092</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,281,249</u></b>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Animal Health Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Animal Health Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Animal Health Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT/ENHANCE TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
The Percent Change between the Number of Cattle Fever Tick Infested Premises in the TAHC Managed Free Area (outside of the Permanent Quarantine Zone) in the Current Fiscal Year and the Average for the Previous 5 Fiscal Years	15%	15%
The Percent Change between the Number of Herds/Flocks in which Diseases and Pests of Animal Health Significance are Detected in the Current Fiscal Year and Average of the Previous 5 Fiscal Years	5%	5%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: FIELD OPERATIONS Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Livestock Surveillance Inspections and Shipment Inspections	70,000	70,000
Number of Herds Evaluated for Determination of Presence of Absence of Disease and Pests	1,250	1,250
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: PROMOTE COMPLIANCE Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Compliance Actions Completed	900	900

**2. Laboratory Testing.**

- (a) Laboratory testing for animal diseases shall be performed at the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL), the state's regulatory animal health laboratory. The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) shall utilize the services at TVMDL to the extent required by Agriculture Code, Section 161.0603. TAHC shall use funds appropriated by this Act to enter into an interagency memorandum of understanding (MOU) with TVMDL, to be reviewed annually, that establishes the scope of laboratory services needed, reporting and data sharing requirements, and a fee structure. No later than October 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) the estimated total contract amount agreed to in the MOU. No later than November 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the LBB and the CPA the testing costs it was billed for by TVMDL in the previous fiscal year.
- (b) In addition to the amounts appropriated above, General Revenue Fund amounts (estimated to be \$0) shall be appropriated to TAHC in amounts necessary to cover laboratory testing costs incurred where such costs exceed 10.0 percent of the estimated total contract amount agreed to in the MOU between TAHC and TVMDL each fiscal year contingent upon (1) the occurrence of an animal disease outbreak; (2) the Executive Director and State Veterinarian of TAHC certifying the outbreak occurrence and laboratory costs exceeding the estimated contract amount by 10.0 percent; and (3) the Executive Director and State Veterinarian of

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TAHC issuing a finding of fact to that effect to the LBB and the CPA. Upon receiving the finding of fact, the contingent appropriation shall be made available to fund the additional laboratory costs.

- (c) None of the funds identified in subsections (a) or (b) of this rider may be used for salaries and wages or other personnel expenditures.

**3. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** The unobligated and unexpended appropriation balances of the Texas Animal Health Commission for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Animal Health Commission for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**4. Testing and Immunization of Employees.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, may be expended for any immunization or testing (estimated to be \$51,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium), which may be required of at-risk employees (estimated to be 110.0 full-time equivalents in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium) in the performance of their duties.

**5. Allowance for Personally-Owned Horses.** The Animal Health Commission may expend any amounts necessary out of appropriations above in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, (estimated to total \$3,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year) for the purpose of providing an allowance not to exceed seventy-five dollars (\$75) per employee per day for each Commission employee whose duties require the use of a personally-owned horse.

**6. Contingency Appropriation: Cost Recovery for Animal Health Programs.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, include \$843,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium from revenues collected and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund from the assessment of fees pursuant to Agriculture Code, Sections 161.0411, 161.060, and 161.0601. These appropriations are contingent upon the Animal Health Commission assessing fees during the 2026-27 biennium sufficient to generate revenue (Object Code 3420) necessary to cover the General Revenue Fund appropriations made above in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, identified in this rider. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified in this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- (b) In addition to the amounts identified in this rider and appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, any revenues received during the 2026-27 biennium from fees deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund pursuant to Agriculture Code, Sections 161.0411, 161.060, and 161.0601 (Object Code 3420) in excess of the amount of \$843,000 each fiscal year included in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2026-27 are appropriated for the same purposes.

- (c) None of the funds identified in subsections (a) or (b) of this rider may be used for salaries and wages or other personnel expenditures.

**7. Information Technology, Reporting Requirement.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Central Administration, the Texas Animal Health Commission shall report annually the agency's efforts to improve information technology capabilities. The report shall include information on database systems utilized by agency staff, information technology limitations encountered by agency staff and the public, agency resource allocations undertaken to improve information technology capabilities, and recommendations to enhance the agency's information technology capabilities with associated estimated costs and project duration. The recommendations shall include details regarding improved data analytics, status of data silos, and transparency initiatives. No later than November 1 of each fiscal year of the biennium, the Texas Animal Health Commission shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and Governor an annual report regarding the agency's information technology capabilities and recommendations.

**8. Agricultural and Livestock Entry Point Stations.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Animal Health Commission (TAHC) in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, TAHC shall assist the Department of Agriculture as needed in operating regional agricultural and livestock entry point inspection stations and conduct TAHC livestock inspections at these stations.

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**9. Cattle Fever Tick Mitigation Clinical Trials.** Amounts appropriated above to the Animal Health Commission in Strategy A.1.2, Diagnostic/Epidemiological Support Services, include \$30,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of completing cattle fever tick mitigation clinical trials that would evaluate the efficacy of three eprinomectin regimens for cattle fever tick control to determine if less frequent treatments can be used to effectively mitigate fever ticks. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.

**10. Spay and Neuter Pilot Program - Focus on Animal Health.** Out of the funds appropriated from General Revenue Funds in Strategy A.1.4, Animal Emergency Management, \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2027 are designated for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) to enhance efforts in disease prevention, health assessment, and humane treatment of cats and dogs at risk for unplanned breeding. The TAHC will oversee spay and neuter procedures.

The TAHC is also authorized to outsource sterilization efforts to qualified entities to ensure the most effective and humane methods are employed for the sterilization of dogs and cats. These entities must have a long-standing history of providing cost effective large-scale spay and neuter services and demonstrate proven experience in successfully managing high quality, high volume spay and neuter services.

Additionally, licensed veterinarians may utilize nonsurgical techniques and technologies that have received approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration or the United States Department of Agriculture for the humane and permanent sterilization of dogs and cats, in compliance with Section 828.0045 of the Health and Safety Code, as part of the comprehensive animal health strategy.

Reporting Requirements:

- (a) Quarterly Performance Reporting: The outsourcing entity shall report quarterly to the TAHC the number of procedures completed per quarter to maintain the agreement for continued outsourcing funding.
- (b) Annual Reporting and Metrics: The TAHC shall submit an annual report by September 1 of each fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, detailing the following:
  - (1) Number of animals treated and location;
  - (2) Health outcomes, including disease prevention and control efforts;
  - (3) A budget report outlining the expenditure of allocated funds;
  - (4) Strategies for program expansion and improvement.

**11. Report on Livestock Threats Over Ten Years.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Field Operations, the Texas Animal Health Commission is \$100,000 in General Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2026 to be used for no other purpose than to create and submit a report on threats to livestock over the next ten years, including recommendations on ways to combat the threats to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, the House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock, the Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026.

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

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Method of Financing:	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
General Revenue Fund	\$ 22,607,465	\$ 21,114,567

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General Revenue Fund - Dedicated

Low Level Waste Account No. 088	\$ 1,712,080	\$ 1,717,043
Clean Air Account No. 151	71,622,181	63,272,235
Water Resource Management Account No. 153	86,808,304	86,595,460
Watermaster Administration No. 158	2,561,629	2,568,344
TCEQ Occupational Licensing Account No. 468	2,210,923	2,209,458
Waste Management Account No. 549	50,253,346	49,371,867
Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550	27,702,958	27,276,941
Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Account No. 655	24,450,831	24,162,802
Workplace Chemicals List Account No. 5020	1,284,491	1,285,677
Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation Account No. 5065	999,456	991,869
Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071	1,400,000	0
Dry Cleaning Facility Release Account No. 5093	3,811,172	3,813,385
Operating Permit Fees Account No. 5094	<u>41,961,715</u>	<u>41,168,143</u>

Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 316,779,086	\$ 304,433,224
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Federal Funds	\$ 94,587,817	\$ 86,896,862
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Other Funds

Leaking Water Wells	\$ 9,780,662	\$ 219,338
Appropriated Receipts	1,175,348	1,145,348
Interagency Contracts	<u>14,198,938</u>	<u>14,198,938</u>

Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 25,154,948</u>	<u>\$ 15,563,624</u>
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<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 459,129,316</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 428,008,277</u></u>
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<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 485,713	\$ 493,839
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 53.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	3,052.3	3,058.3
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Executive Director, Group 8	\$257,858	\$257,858
Commissioner (Chair), Group 7	230,000	230,000
Commissioner, Group 7	(2) 230,000	(2) 230,000
Red River Compact Commissioner	24,831	24,831
Rio Grande Compact Commissioner	42,225	42,225
Sabine River Compact Commissioner	9,007	9,007
Sabine River Compact Commissioner	8,699	8,699
Canadian River Compact Commissioner	11,036	11,036
Pecos River Compact Commissioner	33,053	33,053

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** ASSESSMENT, PLANNING AND PERMITTING

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING	\$ 86,917,120	\$ 78,145,422
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> WATER ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING Water Resource Assessment and Planning.	63,403,659	51,313,232
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING Waste Management Assessment and Planning.	6,729,605	6,640,015
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> AIR QUALITY PERMITTING	20,796,793	20,471,155
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> WATER RESOURCE PERMITTING	18,748,698	18,384,521
<b>A.2.3. Strategy:</b> WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING	13,692,313	13,201,662
<b>A.2.4. Strategy:</b> OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING	1,776,801	1,773,434
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS MGMT Radioactive Materials Management.	<u>3,447,861</u>	<u>3,454,714</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> ASSESSMENT, PLANNING AND PERMITTING	\$ 215,512,850	\$ 193,384,155
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**B. Goal:** DRINKING WATER

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> SAFE DRINKING WATER Safe Drinking Water Oversight.	\$ 36,901,402	\$ 30,664,542
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<b>C. Goal: ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT</b>		
Enforcement and Compliance Assistance.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> FIELD INSPECTIONS & COMPLAINTS	\$ 66,274,449	\$ 66,050,373
Field Inspections and Complaint Response.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT & COMPLIANCE SUPPORT	20,345,329	20,249,836
Enforcement and Compliance Support.		
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> POLLUTION PREVENTION RECYCLING	<u>3,703,088</u>	<u>3,708,346</u>
Pollution Prevention, Recycling and Innovative Programs.		
 <b>Total, Goal C:</b> ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT	 \$ 90,322,866	 \$ 90,008,555
 <b>D. Goal: POLLUTION CLEANUP</b>		
Pollution Cleanup Programs to Protect Public Health & the Environment.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> STORAGE TANK ADMIN & CLEANUP	\$ 18,232,849	\$ 18,255,012
Storage Tank Administration and Cleanup.		
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP	<u>26,151,184</u>	<u>25,995,872</u>
 <b>Total, Goal D:</b> POLLUTION CLEANUP	 \$ 44,384,033	 \$ 44,250,884
 <b>E. Goal: RIVER COMPACT COMMISSIONS</b>		
Ensure Delivery of Texas' Equitable Share of Water.		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CANADIAN RIVER COMPACT	\$ 16,919	\$ 16,919
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> PECOS RIVER COMPACT	136,650	136,650
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> RED RIVER COMPACT	35,539	35,539
<b>E.1.4. Strategy:</b> RIO GRANDE RIVER COMPACT	209,542	209,542
<b>E.1.5. Strategy:</b> SABINE RIVER COMPACT	<u>62,111</u>	<u>62,111</u>
 <b>Total, Goal E:</b> RIVER COMPACT COMMISSIONS	 \$ 460,761	 \$ 460,761
 <b>F. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 31,274,540	\$ 30,081,741
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	30,705,334	29,794,169
<b>F.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>9,567,530</u>	<u>9,363,470</u>
 <b>Total, Goal F:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	 <u>\$ 71,547,404</u>	 <u>\$ 69,239,380</u>
 <b>Grand Total, COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</b>	 <u>\$ 459,129,316</u>	 <u>\$ 428,008,277</u>
 <b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 217,395,631	\$ 214,712,597
Other Personnel Costs	18,358,200	18,179,315
Professional Fees and Services	55,657,985	49,850,480
Fuels and Lubricants	502,316	502,316
Consumable Supplies	759,336	759,336
Utilities	1,703,414	1,703,414
Travel	2,296,019	2,307,519
Rent - Building	7,357,449	7,357,449
Rent - Machine and Other	845,929	845,929
Other Operating Expense	49,821,674	45,835,194
Grants	100,415,846	83,784,630
Capital Expenditures	<u>4,015,517</u>	<u>2,170,098</u>
 <b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	 <u>\$ 459,129,316</u>	 <u>\$ 428,008,277</u>
 <b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 19,787,784	\$ 19,966,052
Group Insurance	40,626,500	41,744,607
Social Security	15,533,464	15,673,288
Benefits Replacement	<u>81,597</u>	<u>66,338</u>
 Subtotal, Employee Benefits	 \$ 76,029,345	 \$ 77,450,285

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Debt Service		
Lease Payments	\$ 74,630	\$ 80,248
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 76,103,975</b>	<b>\$ 77,530,533</b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Commission on Environmental Quality. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Commission on Environmental Quality. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: ASSESSMENT, PLANNING AND PERMITTING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Stationary and Mobile Source Pollution Reductions in Ozone Nonattainment Areas	3%	3%
Percent of Texans Living Where the Air Meets Federal Air Quality Standards for Ozone	43%	43%
Percent of Classified Texas Surface Water Meeting or Exceeding Water Quality Standards	55%	55%
Percent Decrease in the Toxic Releases in Texas	2%	2%
Percent of High-and Significant-Hazard Dams Inspected within the Last Five Years	100%	100%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Point-Source Air Quality Assessments Performed	2,050	2,050
Number of Area-Source Air Quality Assessments Performed	2,540	2,540
Number of On-road Mobile-Source Air Quality Assessments Performed	200	200
Number of Air Monitors Operated	395	395
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: WATER ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Surface Water Assessments Performed	43	48
Number of Groundwater Assessments Performed	54	54
Number of Dam Safety Assessments Performed	800	800
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: WASTE ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Active Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Capacity Assessments	200	200
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: AIR QUALITY PERMITTING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of State and Federal New Source Review Air Quality Permit Applications Reviewed	6,800	6,800
Number of Federal Air Quality Operating Permits Reviewed	900	900
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: WATER RESOURCE PERMITTING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Applications to Address Water Quality Impacts Reviewed	14,243	20,701
Number of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Authorizations Reviewed	69	69
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PERMITTING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Municipal Nonhazardous Waste Applications Reviewed	215	215
Number of Industrial and Hazardous Waste Permit Applications Reviewed	95	95
<b>A.2.4. Strategy: OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Licensee Examinations Processed	17,500	17,500
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS MGMT</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Volume of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Accepted by the State of Texas for Disposal at the Texas Compact Waste Facility	184,750	184,750

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<b>B. Goal: DRINKING WATER</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Texas Population Served by Public Water Systems Which Meet Drinking Water Standards	95%	95%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: SAFE DRINKING WATER</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Public Drinking Water Systems Which Meet Primary Drinking Water Standards	6,840	6,840
Number of Drinking Water Samples Collected	57,153	57,153
<b>C. Goal: ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Air Sites with Required Investigations without Formal Enforcement	90%	90%
Percent of Water Sites and Facilities with Required Investigations without Formal Enforcement	90%	90%
Percent of Waste Sites with Required Investigations without Formal Enforcement	90%	90%
Percent of Identified Noncompliant Sites and Facilities for Which Timely and Appropriate Enforcement Action Is Taken	85%	85%
Percent of Compliance Investigations without Formal Enforcement Initiated	90%	90%
Percent of Administrative Penalties Collected	82%	82%
Percentage of Scheduled Mandatory Air Investigations Completed	100%	100%
Percentage of Scheduled Mandatory Water Investigations Completed	100%	100%
Percentage of Scheduled Mandatory Waste Investigations Completed	100%	100%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: FIELD INSPECTIONS &amp; COMPLAINTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Investigations of Water Rights Sites	38,600	38,600
Number of Inspections and Investigations Completed by Staff at Regulated Sites	40,000	40,000
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT &amp; COMPLIANCE SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Environmental Laboratories Accredited	245	245
Number of Small Businesses and Local Governments Assisted	110,000	110,000
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: POLLUTION PREVENTION RECYCLING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Presentations, Booths, and Workshops Conducted on Pollution Prevention/Waste Minimization and Voluntary Program Participation	75	75
<b>D. Goal: POLLUTION CLEANUP</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank Sites Cleaned up	95%	95%
Total Number of Superfund Remedial Actions Completed	137	139
Percent of Voluntary and Brownfield Cleanup Properties Made Available for Redevelopment, Community, or Other Economic Reuse	70%	70%
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: STORAGE TANK ADMIN &amp; CLEANUP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Petroleum Storage Tank Cleanups Completed	200	200
<b>D.1.2. Strategy: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS CLEANUP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Voluntary and Brownfield Cleanups Completed	61	61
Number of Superfund Sites in Texas Undergoing Evaluation and Cleanup	33	31
Number of Superfund Remedial Actions Completed	2	2
Number of Dry Cleaner Remediation Program Site Cleanups Completed	2	2
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Superfund Sites in Post-Closure Care (O+M) Phase	45	47

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease

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Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Personal Computer Replacement	\$ 1,149,591	\$ 667,737
(2) Technology Operations	619,253	586,500
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 1,768,844	\$ 1,254,237
b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Monitoring and Analysis Equipment	\$ 2,065,000	\$ 565,000
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	\$ 12,378,392	\$ 12,442,446
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 16,212,236	\$ 14,261,683
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,486,437	\$ 3,504,479
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Clean Air Account No. 151	\$ 4,568,737	\$ 3,105,310
Water Resource Management Account No. 153	2,143,372	2,057,154
TCEQ Occupational Licensing Account No. 468	3,000	0
Waste Management Account No. 549	2,725,519	2,615,211
Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550	2,067,476	2,074,862
Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Account No. 655	276,249	252,870
Operating Permit Fees Account No. 5094	941,446	651,797
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 12,725,799	\$ 10,757,204
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 16,212,236	\$ 14,261,683

**3. Authorization: Aircraft Chartering.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is authorized to spend appropriated funds for the chartering of aircraft for the purposes of monitoring environmental quality and the enforcement of environmental and water rights laws of the State.

**4. Local Air Pollution Grants Allocation.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, no less than \$2,658,228 in each fiscal year out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, shall be utilized to fund grants or cooperative agreements with eligible local air pollution programs under Health and Safety Code, Section 382.0622. The combined federal and state share of the funding for any such local air pollution programs shall not exceed 67 percent of the total allocation to the programs, with the local share being based on the local dollars allocated pursuant to maintenance-of-effort requirements for federal air pollution grants.

**5. Fee Revenue: Pollution Control Equipment Exemptions.** Amounts appropriated above include \$229,424 each fiscal year from fee revenue collected pursuant to Tax Code, Section 11.31, beginning with the effective date of this Act out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.3, Pollution Prevention, Recycling, and Innovative Programs, for the purpose of determining whether pollution control equipment is exempt from taxation.

In addition to amounts appropriated above, any amounts collected by the Commission on Environmental Quality pursuant to Tax Code, Section 11.31 on or after September 1, 2025, in excess of \$229,424 in each fiscal year of the biennium are appropriated to the agency.

**6. Authorization: Operating Fund.** The Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is authorized to make transfers from any appropriation made to TCEQ into a single account in the

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General Revenue Fund known as the "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Operating Fund" for the purpose of making expenditures for which appropriations were made in this Act. After the expenditures have been made from the fund and as soon as the proper strategies have been identified, TCEQ shall process adjustments to the Comptroller in summary accounts to facilitate accurate cost allocations; provided, however, that each special account and fund shall be used for the purposes in current law and nothing shall be done to jeopardize or divert the special accounts and funds or any portion thereof including federal aid.

### 7. Air Quality Planning.

- (a) Amounts appropriated above include \$4,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce ozone in "affected counties" (as defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 386.001(2)) not designated as nonattainment areas for the O3 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as of September 1, 2024, and other areas at significant risk of being designated nonattainment for the O3 NAAQS in the future as approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements.

Expenditure of these funds is limited to: inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air pollution data analysis, modeling pollution levels, regional air quality planning, and administration of the program. TCEQ shall allocate a base amount of \$281,250 to each state planning region containing such areas and the remaining funds proportionally to each state planning region with a combined population of affected counties in excess of 350,000. Grants issued from appropriations identified in this rider should require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities, bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and locally enforceable pollution reduction programs. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

For informational purposes, the affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for the O3 NAAQS as of September 1, 2024, include Bastrop, Caldwell, Comal, El Paso, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hood, Hunt, Jefferson, Nueces, Orange, Rusk, San Patricio, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Williamson, and Wilson Counties. Additional "attainment/unclassifiable" areas may also be added by TCEQ to this grant program based on their status as being part of a core-based statistical area (CBSA) with O3 design values in excess of 60 parts per billion (ppb).

- (b) Amounts appropriated above include \$4,500,000 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for air quality planning activities to reduce fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in "affected counties" (as defined in Health and Safety Code, Section 386.001(2)) not designated as nonattainment areas for PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as of September 1, 2024, and other areas at significant risk of being designated nonattainment for PM2.5 NAAQS in the future as approved by the TCEQ. These activities may be carried out through interlocal agreements.

Expenditure of these funds is limited to: inventorying emissions, monitoring of pollution levels, air pollution data analysis; modeling pollution levels; regional air quality planning, and administration of the program. The TCEQ may allocate a base amount up to \$281,250 to each state planning region containing such areas and the remaining funds proportionally to each state planning region with a combined population of affected counties in excess of 350,000. Grants issued from appropriations identified in this rider should require that no more than 10 percent of the allocation be used for administrative purposes and prohibit the expenditure of the following: marketing and outreach activities, bicycle use programs, carpooling awareness, environmental awareness campaigns, and similar locally enforceable pollution reduction programs. The grant recipients shall channel the funds to those projects most useful for the SIP.

Additional "attainment/unclassifiable" areas may be added by TCEQ to this grant program contingent on available resources based on their status as being part of a core-based statistical area (CBSA) with an annual PM2.5 design value in excess of 8 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), or 24-hour PM2.5 design value in excess of 25  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

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- 8. Texas Parks and Wildlife Environmental Special Investigations Unit.** Amounts appropriated above include \$225,000 each fiscal year out of the Waste Management Account No. 549 in Strategy C.1.2, Enforcement and Compliance Support, for the purpose of supporting the Parks and Wildlife Department's Environmental Special Investigations Unit to enforce state and federal laws on illegal dumping. This appropriation is contingent on a memorandum of understanding and an interagency transfer of the funds between the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Commission on Environmental Quality to jointly administer the program. Any unexpended balance of this appropriation from fiscal year 2026 is appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- 9. Federal Funds and Capital Budget Expenditures.** To comply with the legislative intent to maximize the use of federal funds and to fulfill grant requirements required for the receipt and expenditure of federal funds, the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is exempted from the Capital Budget Rider Provisions contained in Article IX of this Act, "Limitations on Expenditures - Capital Budget", when federal funds are received in excess of amounts identified in the agency's Capital Budget Rider and such funds are federally designated solely for the purchase of specific capital items. In addition, TCEQ is exempted from the Capital Budget Rider provisions within Article IX of this Act when funds are received in the form of disaster related recoveries or gifts to the agency in excess of amounts identified in the agency's Capital Budget Rider. The TCEQ shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Governor upon receipt of such federal funds or gift proceeds, of the amount received and items to be purchased.
- 10. Refinement and Enhancement of Modeling to Demonstrate Attainment with the Clean Air Act.** Amounts appropriated above include \$750,000 in fiscal year 2026 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, for research to obtain the data and information to refine and enhance any model used to demonstrate attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and to assess air quality associated with other pollutants under the Federal Clean Air Act during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025. These funds may also be used to collect and analyze data and procure appropriate computing tools for modeling to demonstrate attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone and other pollutants. The Commission on Environmental Quality may contract as necessary to carry out these activities.
- 11. Reallocation of Revenue and Balances for Certain Accounts.** Pursuant to Water Code, Section 5.707, and notwithstanding provisions of Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, in this Act, the Commission on Environmental Quality is authorized to reallocate within the biennium the lesser of 7 percent of the biennial All Funds amount identified in the Method of Finance above or \$20,000,000 from the following General Revenue-Dedicated accounts (consisting of revenues and balances) to be used for purposes identified in the above strategies.
- Clean Air Account No. 151  
Water Resource Management Account No. 153  
Watermasters Administration Account No. 158  
Occupational Licensing Account No. 468  
Waste Management Account No. 549  
Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550  
Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Account No. 655  
Dry Cleaning Facility Release Account No. 5093  
Operating Permit Fees Account No. 5094

The Commission shall notify the Governor, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Legislative Budget Board of any decision to reallocate funds between accounts prior to any such reallocations.

- 12. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Vehicle Emission Inspections.** Of the fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 382.202, 20 percent shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, out of General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151, as well as "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program are estimated to be \$2,214,520 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,214,520 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$485,713 for fiscal year 2026 and \$493,839 in fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to

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offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

In addition, if additional counties enter the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program during the 2026-27 biennium, 20 percent of revenues generated from the vehicle emissions and inspections fee established in Health and Safety Code, Section 382.202(e) in the additional counties in each fiscal year are hereby appropriated to the Commission on Environmental Quality for the same purposes.

- 13. Administration Costs for the Texas River Compact Commissions.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, except amounts appropriated above in Goal E, River Compact Commissions, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall allocate at least \$43,750 for fiscal year 2026 and \$49,750 for fiscal year 2027 to provide for operating costs for the Texas River Compact Commissions. In addition, \$10,700 each fiscal year out of amounts appropriated above, except from amounts appropriated in Goal E, shall be used for support and administrative services for the commissions.
- 14. Environmental Radiation and Perpetual Care.** The Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is appropriated any revenues from TCEQ licensees in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate, including the proceeds of securities and interest earned, deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Environmental Radiation and Perpetual Care Account No. 5158 pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Sections 401.306 (b), 401.301(d), and 401.207 (g) during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), in the event of an incident involving the release of radioactive material at a disposal, source material recovery, processing, or storage facility licensed by the TCEQ. The funds shall be used in Strategy A.3.1, Radioactive Materials Management, to mitigate radioactive pollution resulting from activities of a TCEQ licensee as provided in Health and Safety Code, Sections 401.306 (c)-(e).
- 15. Nuisance Surveys for the Economically Distressed Areas Program.** Out of amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, Water Resource Assessment and Planning, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall reimburse the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for costs incurred by DSHS in conducting nuisance surveys for applicants for financial assistance through the Economically Distressed Areas program administered by the Water Development Board. The Commission shall reimburse such costs through Interagency Contracts with DSHS in an amount not to exceed a total of \$125,000 for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025.
- 16. Reimbursement of Advisory Committees.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members out of funds appropriated above is limited to the following advisory committees:
- Irrigators Advisory Council
  - Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel
  - Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council
  - Dry Cleaners Advisory Committee
  - Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee
- 17. Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Commission on Environmental Quality are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.
- 18. Authorization: Water and Air Program Fee Rates.** To provide for the recovery of costs of processing certain water and air applications, the following fee rates are established pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 316, Subchapter E, to be effective during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025.
- The maximum rate for the fees authorized in Water Code, Sections 5.701 (b-c), shall be \$2,000.
- The maximum rate for fees authorized in Health and Safety Code, Section 382.062, shall be \$80,000.
- 19. Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the receipt of money deposited to the credit of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Fund No. 1201

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under Health and Safety Code, Section 386.056; Tax Code, Sections 151.0515 and 152.0215; and Transportation Code, Sections 501.138, 502.358, and 548.5055 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), TCEQ may temporarily utilize General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Emissions Reduction Plan No. 5071 funds to pay for TERP costs as authorized in the Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 386.252 in the 2026-27 biennium in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2026 which are included in amounts appropriated above. These funds shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs when TERP expenditures exceed monthly collections received. The transfer and reimbursement of funds shall be made under procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed by TCEQ on or before August 31 of each fiscal year.

- 20. Contingency Appropriation: Revenue from Increased Fee Rates at Watermaster Offices.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.2.2, Water Resource Permitting, fee revenues collected and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue-Dedicated Watermaster Administration Account No. 158 from additional fees generated pursuant to Water Code, Section 11.329 due to the implementation of increased fee rates at the watermaster offices and in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2026-27 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025. These funds shall be used for operating costs of the watermaster offices.

This appropriation is contingent upon the TCEQ and the watermaster offices assessing fees sufficient to generate, during the 2026-27 biennium, revenue to cover the appropriations out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Watermaster Administration Account No. 158. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available. The TCEQ and the watermaster offices, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase additional fees, shall furnish copies of minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2026-27 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues in excess of those estimated in the Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2026-27, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purpose.

- 21. Aggregate Operations.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Field Inspections and Complaint Response, to the Commission on Environmental Quality shall be used to adopt and make accessible on the commission's internet website best management practices for all aspects of aggregate production operations regarding nuisance issues relating to dust, noise, and light, as well as water use and storage, and blasting to minimize disruption to surrounding areas, only to the extent which the commission has statutory jurisdiction over such aspects of aggregate production, and to conduct aerial observations at least twice per fiscal year to ensure enforcement of existing statutes and rules relating to aggregate operations. It is the intent of the legislature that the Commission on Environmental Quality shall work cooperatively with other state agencies in the development of best management practices described in this rider. Unless otherwise provided by law, the best management practices are nonbinding.

- 22. Petroleum Storage Tank Administration: Temporary and Contract Worker Exemption from the Limitation on Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Positions.** For the purposes of implementing Petroleum Storage Tank activities identified in Water Code, Section 26.3573 (d), the Commission on Environmental Quality is exempt from provisions of Article IX relating to the inclusion of temporary or contract workers in the calculation of the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by a state agency.

- 23. Petroleum Storage Tank Responsible Party Remediation.** The Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) shall prioritize the use of funds appropriated above out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Account No. 655 to address the continued remediation and monitoring of sites transferred from the responsible party remediation program to the state lead program pursuant to Water Code, Section 26.3573, Subsection (r-1). Notwithstanding this provision, in prioritizing sites the TCEQ shall consider the risks associated with all sites requiring remediation and monitoring, as well as the availability of funds. In selecting contractors to perform remediation services at these transferred sites, the Executive Director of the TCEQ may make direct awards to existing contractors who are otherwise eligible for award to ensure that the continued remediation of these sites progresses in the most efficient and cost-effective manner which presents the least risk of disrupting ongoing remediation and monitoring activities.



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**24. Appropriations and Unexpended Balances: Cost Recovery for Site Remediation and Cleanups.**

- (a) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) remaining in the General Revenue-Dedicated Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550 which were received from responsible parties as cost recovery payments for site remediation and cleanups undertaken by the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are appropriated to the TCEQ for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. The funds shall be used to pay the cost of site cleanups and remediation during the biennium.
- (b) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any additional revenues generated from cost recovery fees (Revenue Object Code 3802) during the biennium are appropriated from the General Revenue-Dedicated Hazardous and Solid Waste Remediation Fee Account No. 550 (estimated to be \$0) for site remediation and cleanups.

**25. Litigation Expenses for the Rio Grande Compact Commission.**

- (a) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from appropriations in Strategy E.1.4, Rio Grande River Compact as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) in the same strategy for the purpose of covering expenses incurred by the Rio Grande Compact Commission relating to investigations and legal expenses resulting from litigation between the State of Texas and the State of New Mexico over the equitable distribution of water according to the Rio Grande Compact.
- (b) It is the intent of the legislature, to the extent permitted by federal and state law, that funds appropriated above in Strategy E.1.4, Rio Grande River Compact, be utilized to ensure that all costs related to the litigation between the State of Texas and the State of New Mexico over the equitable distribution of water according to the Rio Grande Compact, estimated to be \$41,875,643, be recovered and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund.
- (c) The Legislative Budget Board may use prior approval authority as provided by Texas Constitution, Article 16, Section 69 and notify the Comptroller of Public Accounts to withhold further expenditure of funds appropriated to the agency for litigation expenses if a determination is made by the Legislative Budget Board that previous expenditure of these funds has been inappropriate.

**26. Barnett Shale Permit by Rule Study.** The Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is not authorized to expend any funds appropriated in this Act to implement a rule that would extend 30 Texas Administrative Code, Section 106.352, Oil and Gas Handling Production Facilities, Rule Project No. 2010-018-106-PR ("Barnett Shale permit by rule") to oil and gas sources located outside the 23-county area of the Barnett Shale identified in subsection (a)(1) of the Barnett Shale permit by rule region ("Barnett Shale Region") until after August 31, 2025, and until after the agency conducts a study and files a report with the Legislature on the economic impact of extending the provisions of the Barnett Shale permit by rule to other areas of the state. Such a study may be funded through (1) grants, awards, or other gifts made to the TCEQ for that purpose; (2) funds directed to this study through supplemental environmental projects; or (3) by the use of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan funds, as available. The study shall:

- (a) Be based on data collected during the 18-month period following initial implementation of the Barnett Shale permit by rule in the Barnett Shale Region;
- (b) Assess the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of the implementation of the Barnett Shale permit by rule in geographic areas outside of the Barnett Shale Region, including an assessment of the economic impacts on the oil and gas industry and the Texas economy; and
- (c) Assess any other factors the TCEQ deems relevant.

Nothing in this rider shall be construed to limit the TCEQ's authority to develop a permit by rule or other authorization for planned maintenance, startup, and shutdown emissions from oil and gas sources located outside the Barnett Shale Region.

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**27. Expedited Processing of Permit Applications.**

- (a) Included in amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.2.1, Air Quality Permitting, is \$2,250,000 for the biennium from surcharges assessed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 382.05155 for the expedited processing of air permit applications for the biennium for contract labor, overtime and compensatory pay, or other costs incurred to support the expedited processing of permit applications. The Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is authorized to compensate employees who perform expedited air permits twice the hourly rate for time worked in excess of their regularly scheduled work hours. For the purposes of the expedited permit process, the TCEQ is exempt from provisions of Article IX relating to the inclusion of temporary or contract workers in the calculation of the number of Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions.

In addition to the amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 in Strategy A.2.1, Air Quality Permitting, the TCEQ is appropriated all fee revenues collected and deposited to the account from expedited permit review surcharges assessed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 382.05155 (estimated to be \$0) in excess of the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate. These funds are provided for costs incurred to support the expedited permitting process. Any unexpended balances remaining in these appropriations on August 31, 2026, in this appropriation are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

- (b) TCEQ shall provide a report detailing fee revenues collected and deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 from expedited permit review surcharges assessed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, Section 382.05155 for each respective fiscal year to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board no later than the end of the second business week in March and June (for the second and third quarters) and no later than 14 business days after the end of the fourth quarter.

**28. Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Annual Report.** In addition to other reporting requirements, the Commission shall produce an annual report on its expenditures, number of projects, and the estimated pollution reduced, and the cost-effectiveness of each program authorized as part of TERP that are spent out of the TERP Trust Fund. The report must include an analysis of the report by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the use of TERP funds for congestion mitigation and air quality improvement projects in nonattainment areas and affected counties. The annual report must be delivered to the Legislative Budget Board, and Governor's Office by December 1 of each year.

**29. Air Monitoring Staff.** It is the intent of the Legislature that out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Air Quality Assessment and Planning, \$250,000 each fiscal year in General Revenue- Dedicated Clean Air Account No. 151 shall be used to fund 4.0 FTEs included in the number of Full-Time-Equivalents above to operate the agency's mobile air monitoring units in coastal regions.

**30. Leaking Water Wells Program.** Amounts appropriated above to the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) include \$9,780,662 in fiscal year 2026 and \$219,338 in fiscal year 2027 out of the Leaking Water Wells Fund No. 308 in Strategy A.1.2, Water Resource Assessment and Planning, for the Leaking Water Wells program. Out of the amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2026, TCEQ shall expend \$9,361,324 for no other purpose than grants to implement the leaking water wells program established under Water Code, Section 28.104. Any unexpended balances remaining in these appropriations on August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2026.

**31. Use of Funds for Meals During an Emergency of Disaster Response Activities.** Notwithstanding the general restriction on a state agency purchasing food or beverages for its employees, the Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may use funds appropriated above to purchase food and beverages for a person who is: (1) Performing agency activities in response to an emergency or disaster; and (2) Unable to leave or required to remain at the person's assignment area due to the emergency or disaster. The TCEQ shall notify the Governor and Legislative Budget Board of all food and water purchases within 45 calendar days of such purchases.

**32. Emergency Response On-Call (Standby) and Overtime Pay.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call

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time for staff with emergency response duties at the following rates: credit for one hour worked per day on-call during the normal work week, and two hours worked per day on-call during weekends and holidays; this credit would be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours or while on-call. Nonexempt employees who work a normal forty-hour work week, and work on-call duty, will receive Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) overtime rates for the on-call duty.

The TCEQ, to the extent permitted by law, may also pay FLSA exempt and FLSA nonexempt employees on a straight- time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours for duties related to the response, recovery, or support during emergency response events when directed by the Executive Director of the agency.

- 33. Invalidated Federal Regulations.** In the event that one or more of the federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations listed below are legally invalidated and the agency is no longer required to be in compliance with such regulation(s), the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Governor within 90 calendar days of the legal effect of such invalidation. Notice shall include the impact of the federal changes to the additional funds authorized in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 to implement the invalidated federal rules. The notification shall also identify, to the extent possible, any potential appropriation reductions without restricting the state's ability to meet existing or amended related federal requirements.
- (a) 2024 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Particulate Matter: 89 Federal Register 16,202 (March 6, 2024) - EPA reconsideration of the NAAQS for particulate matter, reducing the standard from fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to 9 micrograms per cubic meter.
  - (b) 2024 Methane Rule: 89 Federal Register 16,820 (March 8, 2024) - Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review.
  - (c) 2024 Greenhouse Gas Rule for Electric Generating Units: 89 Federal Register 39,798 (May 9, 2024) - New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From New, Modified, and Reconstructed Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Fossil Fuel-Fired Electric Generating Units; and Repeal of the Affordable Clean Energy Rule.
- 34. Municipal Utility District Report.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, the Commission on Environmental Quality shall develop a report analyzing Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs). The report should include information on what current statutory authority exists over MUDs, local governance concerns, infrastructure impacts, the financial liability of MUDs on taxpayers including tax rates, and anything else the agency deems applicable. The report shall include recommendations on legislation to address the issues and include an evaluation on how to align MUDs with Municipal Management Districts (MMDs) interlocal development agreements. The agency shall submit the report to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.
- 35. Monitoring and Report on Upper San Saba River.** Amounts appropriated above include \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy A.1.2, Water Assessment and Planning, that shall be used for the purpose of the Commission on Environmental Quality to provide comprehensive reports in three-month intervals on the Upper San Saba River from its headwaters to Richland Springs from March 2026 through November 2026. The comprehensive report should contain information including the monitoring of streamflow levels, observed irrigation practices, observed variations in vegetation that indicate overuse or misuse of water rights, suspected misuse of alluvial wells, the impact to low-to-zero-flows on flora and fauna including species listed on the Endangered Species list, and any enforcement actions taken by the commission to protect superior riparian and appropriated water rights flora and fauna. The reports will be sent to the members of the Senate Water, Agriculture, and Rural Affairs and the House Natural Resources committees. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 36,753,924	\$ 15,378,862
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Coastal Protection Account No. 027	\$ 13,596,692	\$ 13,607,742
Coastal Public Lands Management Fee Account No. 450	284,633	284,633
Alamo Complex Account No. 5152	14,182,264	14,182,264
Coastal Erosion Response Fund No. 5176	<u>23,000,000</u>	<u>23,000,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 51,063,589	\$ 51,074,639
Federal Funds	\$ 748,332,191	\$ 770,362,307
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Permanent School Fund No. 044	\$ 31,287,830	\$ 27,544,998
Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374	302,831,000	182,102,000
Veterans Land Program Administration Fund No. 522	26,144,293	26,337,855
Appropriated Receipts	82,915,656	82,149,528
Interagency Contracts	117,114	117,114
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>22,266</u>	<u>22,266</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 443,318,159</u>	<u>\$ 318,273,761</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 1,279,467,863</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 1,155,089,569</b></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 56.3% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	870.5	870.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Land Commissioner, Group 5	\$140,938	\$140,938
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: MAXIMIZE TX ASSETS &amp; PRESERVE ALAMO</b>		
Maximize Texas Assets and Preserve the Alamo.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENERGY LEASE MANAGEMENT &amp; REV</b>		
AUDIT	\$ 9,051,830	\$ 9,161,100
Assess State Lands' Revenue Potential & Manage Energy Leases/Revenues.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: ENERGY MARKETING</b>	632,597	627,498
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION</b>	3,212,267	3,212,267
Royalty and Mineral Lease Defense and Prosecution.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: COASTAL AND UPLANDS LEASING</b>	4,554,064	4,647,430
Coastal and Uplands Leasing and Inspection.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ASSET MANAGEMENT</b>	15,755,673	11,806,928
PSF & State Agency Real Property Evaluation/Acquisition/Disposition.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: SURVEYING AND APPRAISAL</b>	2,823,745	2,822,908
PSF & State Agency Surveying and Appraisal.		
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: PRESERVE &amp; MAINTAIN ALAMO</b>		
COMPLEX	<u>14,859,963</u>	<u>14,857,790</u>
Preserve and Maintain the Alamo and Alamo Complex.		
<b>Total, Goal A: MAXIMIZE TX ASSETS &amp; PRESERVE ALAMO</b>	\$ 50,890,139	\$ 47,135,921
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT THE TEXAS COAST</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: COASTAL MANAGEMENT</b>	\$ 52,705,855	\$ 42,024,786
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: COASTAL EROSION CONTROL</b>		
PROJECTS	84,547,285	73,463,169
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: OIL SPILL RESPONSE</b>	6,004,102	6,006,860
<b>B.2.2. Strategy: OIL SPILL PREVENTION</b>	<u>7,258,559</u>	<u>7,266,851</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: PROTECT THE TEXAS COAST</b>	\$ 150,515,801	\$ 128,761,666

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<b>C. Goal: GUARANTEE VETERANS BENEFITS</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: VETERANS' LOAN PROGRAMS</b>	\$ 20,799,211	\$ 20,981,507
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: VETERANS' HOMES</b> State Veterans' Homes.	422,255,249	311,005,965
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: VETERANS' CEMETERIES</b> State Veterans' Cemeteries.	<u>7,730,748</u>	<u>7,826,620</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: GUARANTEE VETERANS BENEFITS</b>	\$ 450,785,208	\$ 339,814,092
<b>D. Goal: TEXANS RECOVER FROM DISASTERS</b> Help Texans Recover From Disasters.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: HOUSING PROJECTS &amp; ACTIVITIES</b> Oversee Housing Projects and Activities.	\$ 70,640,022	\$ 77,731,729
<b>D.1.2. Strategy: INFRASTRUCTURE</b> PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES Oversee Infrastructure Projects and Activities.	<u>556,636,693</u>	<u>561,646,161</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: TEXANS RECOVER FROM DISASTERS</b>	<u>\$ 627,276,715</u>	<u>\$ 639,377,890</u>
<b>Grand Total, GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND VETERANS' LAND BOARD</b>	<u>\$ 1,279,467,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,089,569</u>

<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 86,009,211	\$ 86,009,211
Other Personnel Costs	1,661,819	1,646,038
Professional Fees and Services	557,377,273	410,079,250
Fuels and Lubricants	254,884	254,384
Consumable Supplies	451,212	440,412
Utilities	971,024	963,171
Travel	1,791,702	1,795,187
Rent - Building	4,480,191	4,488,191
Rent - Machine and Other	637,548	637,548
Other Operating Expense	63,160,042	63,422,863
Grants	557,866,493	572,204,282
Capital Expenditures	<u>4,806,464</u>	<u>13,149,032</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,279,467,863</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,089,569</u>

<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 6,958,620	\$ 7,021,758
Group Insurance	12,149,425	12,505,800
Social Security	5,732,725	5,784,740
Benefits Replacement	<u>21,808</u>	<u>17,730</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 24,862,578</u>	<u>\$ 25,330,028</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: MAXIMIZE TX ASSETS &amp; PRESERVE ALAMO</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Permanent School Fund Uplands Acreage Leased	91%	91%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENERGY LEASE MANAGEMENT &amp; REV AUDIT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Amount of Revenue from Audits/Lease Reconciliations	60,000,000	65,000,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: ENERGY MARKETING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Monthly Volume of Gas Sold in Million British Thermal Units	978,255	978,255

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A.1.4. Strategy: COASTAL AND UPLANDS LEASING

Output (Volume):

Annual Revenue from Uplands Surface Leases	5,000,000	5,000,000
Annual Revenue from Coastal Leases	6,500,000	7,000,000

A.3.1. Strategy: PRESERVE & MAINTAIN ALAMO COMPLEX

Output (Volume):

Number of Alamo Shrine Visitors	0	734,113
Number of Alamo Gift Shop Visitors	534,941	660,702
Alamo Gift Shop Revenue in Dollars Less Cost of Sales	1,220,000	1,830,000

Efficiencies:

Alamo Operational Costs Per Visitor (In Dollars)	26.51	19.32
Alamo Net Revenue Per Visitor (In Dollars)	23.21	16.91

B. Goal: PROTECT THE TEXAS COAST

Outcome (Results/Impact):

Percent of Eroding Shorelines Maintained, Protected or Restored for Gulf Beaches and Other Shorelines	10%	15%
Percent of Texas Coastal Recreational Beach Waters Not Meeting Water Quality Standards	20%	20%

B.1.1. Strategy: COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Output (Volume):

Number of Coastal Management Program Grants Awarded	25	25
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B.1.2. Strategy: COASTAL EROSION CONTROL PROJECTS

Explanatory:

Cost/Benefit Ratio for Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act Projects	4	4
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B.2.1. Strategy: OIL SPILL RESPONSE

Output (Volume):

Number of Oil Spill Responses	665	665
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B.2.2. Strategy: OIL SPILL PREVENTION

Output (Volume):

Number of Prevention Activities - Vessels	1,603	1,603
Number of Derelict Vessels Removed from Texas Coastal Waters	40	40

Explanatory:

Number of Derelict Vessels in Texas Coastal Waters	160	160
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C. Goal: GUARANTEE VETERANS BENEFITS

Outcome (Results/Impact):

Percent of Total Loan Income Used for Administrative Purposes	12%	12%
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C.1.1. Strategy: VETERANS' LOAN PROGRAMS

Output (Volume):

Dollar Value of Land, Housing, and Home Improvement Loans Funded by the Veterans Land Board	585,000,000	585,000,000
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Number of Land, Housing, and Home Improvement Loans Funded or Purchased by the Veterans Land Board	2,450	2,450
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C.1.2. Strategy: VETERANS' HOMES

Output (Volume):

Occupancy Rate at Veterans Homes	97%	98%
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D. Goal: TEXANS RECOVER FROM DISASTERS

D.1.1. Strategy: HOUSING PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Output (Volume):

Number of Completed Disaster Recovery Housing Projects	299	0
Number of Housing Activities That Are Considered Closed	1,206	4
Total Number of CDR Compliance Reviews Conducted	156	156

D.1.2. Strategy: INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES

Output (Volume):

Number of Completed Disaster Recovery Infrastructure Projects	310	234
Number of Completed Infrastructure Activities That Are Considered Closed	20	11

2. Capital Budget. Funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items listed below. The amounts identified for each item may be adjusted or expended on other capital expenditures, subject to the aggregate dollar restrictions on capital budget expenditures provided in the General Provisions of this Act. Notwithstanding Article IX capital budget limitations, calculation of the agency's aggregate total applies only to non-federal methods of finance. The agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts thirty calendar days before expending funds on any capital expenditure not specifically authorized below.

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	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Personal Computing Upgrade	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
(2) Server and Network Infrastructure Upgrade	650,000	650,000
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
b. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Equipment - Replacement	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Shared Technology Services	\$ 3,120,000	\$ 3,432,000
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 4,620,000	\$ 4,932,000
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
GR Dedicated - Coastal Protection Account No. 027	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Federal Funds	\$ 2,591,089	\$ 2,830,198
Other Funds		
Permanent School Fund No. 044	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 1,050,000
Veterans Land Program Administration Fund No. 522	728,911	801,802
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 1,778,911	\$ 1,851,802
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 4,620,000	\$ 4,932,000

- 3. Per Diem: Boards, Commissions, and Councils.** Citizen members of the School Land Board, Veterans' Land Board, Boards for Lease, and the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee may be paid per diem at a rate not to exceed the amount established elsewhere in this Act and actual expenses from funds appropriated above.
- 4. Appropriation Source: Veterans' Land Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all amounts necessary from the Veterans' Land Administration Fund No. 522 and the Veterans' Home Administration Fund No. 374 are appropriated to administer the Veterans' Land Program, Veterans' Housing Assistance Program, State Veterans' Homes, and Veterans' Cemeteries, including the amounts incurred in issuing bonds, in compensating a Housing Program Administrator, and in paying contracts for services rendered in administering the land and housing programs, as created and authorized by Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49b as amended and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164.
- 5. Appropriation: Defense of Title to Permanent School Fund Real Property and Prosecution of Mineral Lease Claims or Cases.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.3, Defense and Prosecution, is \$3,212,267 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium in Appropriated Receipts from funds recovered for the Permanent School Fund by the General Land Office from the prosecution of Relinquishment Act, royalty deficiency and other mineral lease claims or cases. Such funds are to be used for the defense of title to Permanent School Fund real property, and the prosecution of Relinquishment Act, royalty deficiency and other mineral lease claims or cases.
- 6. Appropriation: Easement Fees for Use of State-owned Riverbeds.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Coastal and Uplands Leasing, are all unencumbered balances on hand as of August 31, 2025, (not to exceed \$100,000 in Appropriated Receipts). In addition to amounts appropriated above, all amounts collected in Appropriated Receipts as easement fees for use of state-owned riverbeds pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 51.297, or agency rules, during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, for the removal or improvement of unauthorized structures on Permanent School Fund real property.
- 7. Reporting Requirements: Veterans' Land Board Loan Programs.** From amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board shall submit to the Bond Review Board

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on a semi-annual basis financial information on the Veterans' Land Board Housing and Land Loan Programs in a format requested by the Bond Review Board. This information will include the current and historical program cash flows for the last five fiscal years; a comparison of the net revenues of the programs to the debt service on the bonds; a comparison of actual to forecasted loan and investment income; and the number and dollar amount of foreclosures as a percentage of all active loans in the programs.

- 8. Appropriation: Shared Project Funds.** Included in amounts appropriated above out of Appropriated Receipts in Strategy B.1.2, Coastal Erosion Control Projects, are estimated receipts for shared project funds received in accordance with Natural Resources Code, Chapter 33, Subchapter H, Section 33.603(c)(1) and Section 33.604 (estimated to be \$6,000,000 over the biennium).
- 9. Appropriation of Receipts: Real Property Sales and Mineral Royalties.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office is appropriated all additional receipts from real property sales of the Real Estate Special Fund Account of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) No. 44 conducted by the General Land Office, all revenue received from the sale or lease of PSF land or real property holdings, and all receipts received from mineral or royalty interests or other interests, including revenue received from the lease of mineral estate in riverbeds, channels, and the areas within tidewater limits, including islands, lakes, bays, and the bed of the sea which belong to the state for the purpose of purchasing fee or lesser interests in real property for the use and benefit of the PSF, for the purpose of purchasing easements for access to PSF land as authorized by Natural Resources Code, Section 11.079, and for all purposes allowed under Natural Resources Code, Section 51.402. The General Land Office shall report to the Legislative Budget Board information including the purpose and expenditures of any real property acquisitions made by the General Land Office through the appropriation authority provided by this rider in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board within 30 calendar days of the transaction. The General Land Office shall publish this report on its website after notifying the Legislative Budget Board.
- 10. Appropriation: Receipts and Account Balances for Surface Damages.** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the Permanent School Fund No. 44 in Strategy A.2.1, Asset Management, is \$500,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, in receipts collected as surface damages pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Sections 52.297, 53.115, 31.051, 51.291, 51.295, and 51.296. Such funds are appropriated for the purpose of funding conservation or reclamation projects, making permanent improvements on Permanent School Fund (PSF) real property, and making grants to a lessee of PSF real property for these purposes and for the purpose of purchasing easements for access to PSF land, as authorized by Natural Resources Code, Section 11.079, and for maintaining and removing debris from a public beach within threatened areas included in a declared natural disaster, as authorized in Natural Resources Code, Section 61.067. In addition to the amounts appropriated above, additional revenues received from surface damage receipts during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) and surface damage receipts collected in the biennium beginning on September 1, 2023, that have not lapsed to the Real Estate Special Fund Account after two years from the date of collection as authorized in Natural Resources Code, Section 53.155(e) are appropriated to the General Land Office for the same purposes.
- 11. Marketing, Acquisition, Disposition, and Management of Real Property Purchased by the Permanent School Fund.** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) No. 44 in Strategy A.2.1, Asset Management, are funds generated by the leasing of PSF real property surface interests to pay reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the General Land Office for the marketing, acquisition, disposition, and management of real property purchased with proceeds of the PSF (estimated to be \$2,014,862 in each fiscal year).
- 12. State Energy Marketing Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the General Land Office use a portion of the revenue from real property sales of the Permanent School Fund (PSF) and all receipts from the lease of PSF real property for mineral development, including royalties from existing and future active mineral leases of PSF land, to manage the State Gas Program within the State Energy Marketing Program as authorized by Natural Resources Code, Section 31.401 and Utilities Code, Sections 101.009 and 104.2545.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the General Land Office use only revenue generated from royalties taken in kind, as provided by Natural Resources Code, Sections 52.133(f), 53.026, and 53.077, to purchase power and to manage the State Power Program within the State Energy Marketing Program as authorized by Natural Resources Code, Section 31.401 and Utilities Code, Sections 101.009 and 104.2545.



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- 13. Interagency Contract with the Texas Veterans Commission.** Included in the amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board out of Interagency Contracts in Strategy C.1.1, Veterans' Loan Programs, is \$74,214 in fiscal year 2026 and \$74,214 in fiscal year 2027 from a contract established between the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board and the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to fund operations of the TVC Call Center. Pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 161.076, the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board and the Texas Veterans Commission shall enter into a memorandum of understanding regarding the funding and operations of the Veterans Commission Call Center.
- 14. CDBG Disaster Reporting Requirement.** The General Land Office (GLO) shall provide a quarterly report to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and to those members of the Legislature representing counties eligible for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster funding, detailing the receipt and expenditures of CDBG disaster funds received by the GLO.
- 15. Alamo and Alamo Complex Preservation, Maintenance, and Operations.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Preserve and Maintain the Alamo and the Alamo Complex, is \$14,182,264 in fiscal year 2026 and \$14,182,264 in fiscal year 2027 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Alamo Complex Account No. 5152. In addition to these amounts appropriated above and pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 31.454, all remaining balances each fiscal year (estimated to be \$0) and amounts deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Alamo Complex Account No. 5152 each fiscal year above the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board in Strategy A.3.1, Preserve and Maintain the Alamo and the Alamo Complex, for the purposes authorized in Natural Resources Code, Chapter 31, Subchapter I.
- 16. Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board is authorized to direct agency resources within the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board and transfer such amounts appropriated above between strategy line items between Strategies D.1.1, Housing Projects and Activities, and D.1.2, Infrastructure Projects and Activities, for disaster recovery functions.
- 17. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 18. Coastal Construction.**
- a. Amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, include Federal Funds estimated to be \$7,276,597 and Appropriated Receipts estimated to be \$70,231,516 in the 2026-27 biennium. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Comptroller may account for the amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, as construction projects; however, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, including Article IX, Section 14.03, for purposes of controlling appropriation transfers, the amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, are not to be considered as a capital budget item.
  - b. Amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, Coastal Erosion Control Projects, include General Revenue Funds of \$24,280,272 and Appropriated Receipts estimated to be \$87,730,182 in the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of construction of erosion response projects undertaken pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Subchapter H, Coastal Erosion. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Comptroller may account for the amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, Coastal Erosion Control Projects, as construction projects; however, notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, including Article IX, Section 14.03, for purposes of controlling appropriation transfers, the amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.2, Coastal Erosion Control Projects, are not to be considered as a capital budget item.
- 19. Unexpended Balances of Earned Federal Funds for Disaster Recovery Program.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 13.10, in addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from Earned Federal Funds appropriations in Strategy D.1.1, Housing Projects and Activities, and D.1.2, Infrastructure Projects and Activities, as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2025,

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(estimated to be \$0) in the same strategies for the purpose of funding salaries of federally funded positions, administrative, emergency housing, human health and safety costs prior to receiving federal reimbursement for expenses and federal disallowances.

- 20. Contingency Appropriation for Disaster Recovery Program.** Amounts appropriated above include \$779,624 in fiscal year 2026 and \$779,624 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Housing Projects and Activities, to retain 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year contingent upon Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal funds not being available to fund FEMA related costs at the General Land Office (GLO) for the Disaster Recovery Program. In the event that FEMA funding should not be available for this purpose, GLO may request approval by the Legislative Budget Board to expend these funds to retain the 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year. Upon approval, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall make the funds available to GLO, and GLO may transfer amounts between Strategies D.1.1, Housing Projects and Activities, and D.1.2, Infrastructure Projects and Activities, as necessary to carry out the functions of the Disaster Recovery Program.
- 21. Galveston Park Board of Trustees for Beach Patrol Services.** Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, include \$311,000 in fiscal year 2026 to provide a grant to the Galveston Park Board of Trustees for beach patrol services. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 22. Veterans' Programs Capital Projects.**
- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board in Strategy C.1.2, State Veterans' Homes and Strategy C.1.3, State Veterans' Cemeteries, from the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374, that are used for the purposes of Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b are exempt from the capital budget provisions in Rider 2, Capital Budget, and Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, except for the capital project expenditures including Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies, Transportation Items, and Data Center/Shared Technology Services.
  - (b) The General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board shall report expenditures from the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374 for capital projects implemented pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49b that are exempted under subsection (a) above in its Operating Budget and Legislative Appropriations Request.
- 23. Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD).** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, in fiscal year 2026, are any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining (estimated to be \$9,721,261) as of August 31, 2025, in appropriations made to the General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board (GLO) to provide funding to the Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD) and to provide oversight and coordination with the GCPD for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Also included in the amounts shown above is \$300,000 and 3.0 FTEs each fiscal year at the GLO for the purpose of providing oversight and coordination with the GCPD. The GLO shall ensure that no more than \$4,000,000 of the unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated is expended by the GCPD for administrative and salary expenses each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.
- (a) Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations remaining (estimated to be \$0) as of August 31, 2025, made to the GLO for the purpose of making a grant to the GCPD in the 2024-25 biennium, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The GLO shall ensure that no more than \$4,000,000 of the unobligated and unexpended balances remaining from the 2024-25 one-time appropriations for the purpose of making a grant to the GCPD is expended by the GCPD for administrative and salary expenses each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. The disbursement of these funds to the GCPD shall only occur if the terms of the grant require the grantee, GCPD, to, at minimum:
    - (1) Provide a report of budgeted and expended grant amounts by project or activity areas on an annual basis as defined by the GLO;
    - (2) Provide timelines for completion of projects on an annual basis as defined by the GLO; and

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- (3) Any other reasonable term deemed prudent by the GLO or pursuant to the terms of the Local Cooperation Agreement executed between the GLO and GCPD.
- (b) Unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations remaining (estimated to be \$9,721,261) as of August 31, 2025, made to the GLO solely for the purpose of making an additional grant to the GCPD during the 2024-25 biennium to provide state matching funds to meet federal requirements for studies and projects planned to be conducted in the state by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management. The appropriation of state matching funds is contingent upon USACE requesting payments to cover non-federal cost share which may include the non-federal sponsor's real estate and in-kind work costs. The disbursement of state matching funds to the GCPD is also contingent upon the terms of the grant requiring the grantee, GCPD, to report the same information detailed above in Subsection (a)(1) through (a)(3).
- (c) The GCPD and the GLO shall abide by the terms of the Local Cooperation Agreement executed by the two parties in the disbursement of funds.
- (d) The cooperative agreements for the 2026-27 biennium for amounts appropriated in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, for the purposes of grants to the GCPD must contemplate potential impacts to navigation safety and two-way traffic vessel movement as required in Subchapter B, Chapter 66, Transportation Code.
- (e) Any related unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (f) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances for the GCPD remaining from 2022-23 appropriations in Strategy B.1.1, Coastal Management, as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning on September 1, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) in the same strategy for the purpose of funding GCPD expenses associated with implementing the Sabine to Galveston and Coastal Texas storm surge protection measures and to provide oversight and technical assistance where necessary.

### **24. Veterans' Bond Programs.** General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board:

- (a) in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164; is appropriated during each year of the biennium:
  - (1) all revenue of the state that is dedicated or appropriated to the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374 in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164, and such funds shall be deposited as received into the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374;
  - (2) all available funds in the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374, including any investment income, for the purposes outlined in Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164;
  - (3) such amounts to be transferred to the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374 in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164, as may be necessary to make payments when due on any bonds, notes, other obligations, or credit agreements issued or entered into pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164, to the extent that the available funds in the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374 are insufficient for such purposes; and
  - (4) in addition to the estimated amounts of Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374 Bond Proceeds listed above, any proceeds of additional bonds issued by the Texas General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board in a fiscal year or biennium as authorized by Texas Constitution, Article III and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164.
- (b) in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-b and Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164, is authorized during each fiscal year of the biennium to pay out of amounts appropriated above from the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374, or otherwise dedicated or appropriated to such fund or available therein, debt service and other amounts due under bonds, other public securities, and bond enhancement agreements

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that are issued or entered into to fund financial assistance programs authorized by Natural Resources Code, Chapter 164 and that are secured by and payable from revenue deposited to the credit of the Texas Veterans Homes Administration Fund No. 374.

- 25. West Texas State Veterans Cemetery.** Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board (GLO) in Strategy C.1.3, Veterans’ Cemeteries, include \$1,082,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,082,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year to support operational and salary costs for the West Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 26. Appropriation: Coastal Erosion Response Account No. 5176.** Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board (GLO) in Strategy B.1.2, Coastal Erosion Control Projects, include \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$23,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue-Dedicated Coastal Erosion Response Account No. 5176 for the purpose of administering the Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) program and to expand erosion response projects and studies.
- 27. Exemption from Certain Contract Management and Oversight Requirements.** General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board (GLO) Community Development and Revitalization Program contracts which utilize Federal Funds are exempt from the requirements of Article IX, Section 17.09(c)(1). The GLO shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than September 1 of each fiscal year which identifies for each contract exempted by this rider:
- (a) the identification number;
  - (b) the subject;
  - (c) the vendor;
  - (d) the value; and
  - (e) the contract award date and projected end date.
- 28. Disaster Relief Cleanup Funding.** Amounts appropriated above to the General Land Office include \$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy D.1.1, Housing Projects and Activities, for the sole purpose of extending an existing agreement with an organization for contracts related to providing disaster relief. Any unexpended appropriations made above as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- 29. Interagency Agreement with Department of Public Safety.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the General Land Office and Veterans’ Land Board shall enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) requiring that no less than \$51,534,908 in General Revenue Funds appropriated to DPS for the 2026-27 biennium and 107.5 FTEs each fiscal year be used for the purpose of providing security operations for the Alamo and Alamo Complex. Security operations include providing the necessary security officers, troopers, and supervisory and indirect support staff to ensure the safety and protection of the Alamo Complex, safeguarding both visitors and the historical integrity of the site.

LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT COMMISSION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
GR Dedicated - Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission Account No. 5151	\$ 493,227	\$ 493,227
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 493,227</u>	<u>\$ 493,227</u>

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS  
Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission  
Administration.

A.1.1. Strategy: COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS	\$ 493,227	\$ 493,227
Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission Administration.		

Grand Total, LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE DISPOSAL COMPACT COMMISSION	\$ 493,227	\$ 493,227
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Professional Fees and Services	\$ 407,240	\$ 407,240
Consumable Supplies	1,000	1,000
Utilities	4,500	4,500
Travel	22,187	22,187
Rent - Building	35,000	35,000
Other Operating Expense	23,300	23,300

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 493,227	\$ 493,227
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: COMPACT ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
The Activity Capacity in Curies Remaining in the Texas Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Facility (Compact Facility) as a Percentage of the Total Available Curie Capacity at the Compact Facility	74%	74%
The Volumetric Capacity in Cubic Feet Remaining in the Texas Low - Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Facility (Compact Facility) as a Percentage of the Available Capacity at the Facility	85%	85%

2. **Exemption from Limitation on State Employment Levels.** The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission is exempt from limitations on state employment levels contained in Article IX, Section 6.10 of this Act.
3. **Unexpended Balance Authority Within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations as of August 31, 2026, made to the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 94,937,664	\$ 57,149,254
Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to State Parks Account No. 64	141,444,662	136,908,884
Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Texas Recreation and Parks Account No. 467	14,128,694	14,128,693
Sporting Good Tax-Trans to: Lrg Cnty/Muni Rec/Parks Acct 5150	9,873,016	9,873,015
Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Acct No. 5004	53,128,110	64,771,890

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Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax	<u>20,778,000</u>	<u>20,975,500</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 334,290,146	\$ 303,807,236
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 009	\$ 111,708,276	\$ 109,708,276
State Parks Account No. 064	38,869,244	38,469,244
Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation Account No. 506	43,007	43,007
Lifetime License Endowment Account No. 544	<u>5,267,226</u>	<u>3,226,226</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 155,887,753	\$ 151,446,753
Federal Funds	\$ 64,488,438	\$ 64,488,438
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 3,952,658	\$ 3,952,658
Interagency Contracts	225,000	225,000
License Plate Trust Fund Account No. 0802, estimated	<u>737,200</u>	<u>737,200</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,914,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,914,858</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 559,581,195</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 524,657,285</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 99.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	3,271.9	3,271.9
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 8	\$299,813	\$299,813

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES**

Conserve Fish, Wildlife, and Natural Resources.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION</b>	\$ 38,015,385	\$ 38,015,385
Wildlife Conservation, Habitat Management, and Research.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TECHNICAL GUIDANCE</b>	9,906,997	9,906,997
Technical Guidance to Private Landowners and the General Public.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: HUNTING AND WILDLIFE RECREATION</b>	3,474,203	3,474,203
Enhanced Hunting and Wildlife-related Recreational Opportunities.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>	18,505,035	18,527,035
Inland Fisheries Management, Habitat Conservation, and Research.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: INLAND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS</b>	8,529,183	8,507,183
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: COASTAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>	15,503,211	15,503,211
Coastal Fisheries Management, Habitat Conservation and Research.		
<b>A.2.4. Strategy: COASTAL HATCHERIES OPERATIONS</b>	<u>5,239,399</u>	<u>5,239,399</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES</b>	\$ 99,173,413	\$ 99,173,413

**B. Goal: ACCESS TO STATE AND LOCAL PARKS**

<b>B.1.1. Strategy: STATE PARK OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 126,552,338	\$ 124,725,197
State Parks, Historic Sites and State Natural Area Operations.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PARKS MINOR REPAIR PROGRAM</b>	16,264,636	16,264,636
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: PARKS SUPPORT</b>	8,151,431	8,151,431
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: LOCAL PARK GRANTS</b>	33,547,747	22,395,247
Provide Local Park Grants.		
<b>B.2.2. Strategy: BOATING ACCESS AND OTHER GRANTS</b>	<u>23,592,847</u>	<u>13,745,345</u>
Provide Boating Access, Trails and Other Grants.		
<b>Total, Goal B: ACCESS TO STATE AND LOCAL PARKS</b>	\$ 208,108,999	\$ 185,281,856

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<b>C. Goal: INCREASE AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE</b>		
Increase Awareness, Participation, Revenue, and Compliance.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS Wildlife, Fisheries and Water Safety Enforcement/Education.	\$ 97,593,026	\$ 97,593,026
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS GAME WARDEN TRAINING CENTER	2,982,332	2,982,332
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT Provide Law Enforcement Oversight, Management and Support.	5,068,648	5,068,648
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> OUTREACH AND EDUCATION Outreach and Education Programs.	3,208,556	3,208,556
<b>C.2.2. Strategy:</b> PROVIDE COMMUNICATION PRODUCTS Provide Communication Products and Services.	5,675,683	5,675,683
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSE ISSUANCE Hunting and Fishing License Issuance.	8,540,115	8,540,115
<b>C.3.2. Strategy:</b> BOAT REGISTRATION AND TITLING	<u>2,068,635</u>	<u>2,068,635</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: INCREASE AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE</b>	\$ 125,136,995	\$ 125,136,995
<b>D. Goal: MANAGE CAPITAL PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> IMPROVEMENTS AND MAJOR REPAIRS Implement Capital Improvements and Major Repairs.	\$ 46,997,000	\$ 56,206,000
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> LAND ACQUISITION	32,606,945	14,009,815
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> INFRASTRUCTURE ADMINISTRATION Infrastructure Program Administration.	<u>9,037,946</u>	<u>9,037,946</u>
<b>Total, Goal D: MANAGE CAPITAL PROGRAMS</b>	\$ 88,641,891	\$ 79,253,761
<b>E. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 12,841,994	\$ 12,841,994
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	19,905,468	17,196,831
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>5,772,435</u>	<u>5,772,435</u>
<b>Total, Goal E: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ <u>38,519,897</u>	\$ <u>35,811,260</u>
<b>Grand Total, PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT</b>	<u>\$ 559,581,195</u>	<u>\$ 524,657,285</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 263,249,270	\$ 263,249,276
Other Personnel Costs	17,783,636	17,783,636
Professional Fees and Services	8,828,046	8,828,046
Fuels and Lubricants	7,458,978	7,458,978
Consumable Supplies	3,357,265	3,356,880
Utilities	10,575,561	10,578,341
Travel	4,118,302	4,120,036
Rent - Building	3,486,336	3,486,336
Rent - Machine and Other	2,439,380	2,439,380
Other Operating Expense	90,951,328	88,174,309
Grants	70,181,998	32,844,088
Capital Expenditures	<u>77,151,095</u>	<u>82,337,979</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 559,581,195</u>	<u>\$ 524,657,285</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 19,368,063	\$ 19,548,186
Group Insurance	47,310,438	48,588,002
Social Security	16,706,081	16,856,738
Benefits Replacement	<u>56,724</u>	<u>46,117</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 83,441,306	\$ 85,039,043
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	\$ 8,770,173	\$ 8,409,900

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Lease Payments	<u>58,885</u>	<u>63,318</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 8,829,058</u>	<u>\$ 8,473,218</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><b>\$ 92,270,364</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 93,512,261</b></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Parks and Wildlife Department. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Parks and Wildlife Department. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Department shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Total Land Acreage in Texas Managed to Enhance Wildlife through TPWD Approved Management Agreements	21.49%	21.73%
Percent of Fish and Wildlife Kills or Pollution Cases Resolved Successfully	65%	65%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: WILDLIFE CONSERVATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Wildlife Population Surveys Conducted	1,624	1,536
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TECHNICAL GUIDANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Active TPWD-Approved Wildlife Management Plans with Private Landowners	7,715	7,792
Number of Active TPWD-Approved Management Agreements with Private Landowners	9,209	9,361
Number of Sites Participating in Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) Harvest Option	1,494	1,569
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: INLAND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Hours Spent Managing, Treating, Surveying or Providing Public Education on Aquatic Invasive Species	17,000	17,000
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: INLAND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Fingerlings Stocked - Inland Fisheries (in Millions)	13	13
<b>A.2.3. Strategy: COASTAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Commercial Fishing Licenses Bought Back	8	8
<b>A.2.4. Strategy: COASTAL HATCHERIES OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Fingerlings Stocked - Coastal Fisheries (in Millions)	20	20
<b>B. Goal: ACCESS TO STATE AND LOCAL PARKS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Funded State Park Minor Repair Projects Completed	50%	75%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: STATE PARK OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Paid Park Visits (in Millions)	5.76	5.82
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PARKS MINOR REPAIR PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Funded State Park Minor Repair Projects Completed	190	427
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: LOCAL PARK GRANTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Grant Assisted Projects Completed	26	20
<b>C. Goal: INCREASE AWARENESS AND COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Public Compliance with Agency Rules and Regulations	98%	98%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Miles Patrolled in Vehicles (in Millions)	10.32	10.32
Number of Water Safety Hours	221,000	221,000
Number of Students Certified in Boater Education	36,600	36,600



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**C.2.1. Strategy:** OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Students Certified in Hunter Education	55,000	55,000
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**C.3.1. Strategy:** LICENSE ISSUANCE

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Combination Licenses Sold	649,000	649,000
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**D. Goal:** MANAGE CAPITAL PROGRAMS

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percent of Major Repair/Construction Projects Completed	63%	63%
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amount shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase" or for other items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property		
(1) Land Acquisition	\$ 15,128,110	\$ 13,121,890
b. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Construction and Major Repairs	\$ 46,997,000	\$ 56,206,000
c. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Parks Minor Repair Program	\$ 15,318,400	\$ 15,318,400
(2) Deferred Maintenance and Repair - Fish Hatcheries	400,000	400,000
Total, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 15,718,400	\$ 15,718,400
d. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Capital Information Technology	\$ 5,458,864	\$ 2,750,227
e. Transportation Items		
(1) Capital Transportation	\$ 10,284,504	\$ 10,122,504
f. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items		
(1) Capital Equipment	\$ 4,741,481	\$ 2,887,585
g. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 4,787,065	\$ 4,787,065
h. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity	\$ 689,999	\$ 689,999
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 103,805,423	\$ 106,283,670

Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund

General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,343,002	\$ 1,343,002
Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to State Parks Account No. 64	19,598,405	17,582,509
Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Acct No. 5004	53,128,110	64,771,890
Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax	2,994,460	2,994,460
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 77,063,977	\$ 86,691,861

General Revenue Fund - Dedicated

Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 009	\$ 14,359,048	\$ 12,359,048
State Parks Account No. 064	6,921,998	3,813,361

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Lifetime License Endowment Account No. 544	<u>5,142,000</u>	<u>3,101,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 26,423,046	\$ 19,273,409
Appropriated Receipts	<u>\$ 318,400</u>	<u>\$ 318,400</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 103,805,423</u>	<u>\$ 106,283,670</u>

- 3. Authorization: Purchase of Evidence.** From the amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) may establish a cash fund, for the purchase of evidence and/or information and surveillance deemed necessary by the TPWD for enforcement of laws under the Parks and Wildlife Code, the Water Code and other statutes enforced by the TPWD.
- 4. Appropriation: Unexpended Balance for Construction Projects.** Included in amounts appropriated above in strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs, are unexpended balances from appropriations made for construction, repair, acquisition, and renovation projects and listed in the capital budget riders of House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and Senate Bill 1, Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, and House Bill 1, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019. The total unexpended balances are estimated to be \$0 out of the following funds as of August 31, 2025:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
General Revenue	Estimated to be \$0	Estimated to be \$0
<u>General Revenue-Dedicated</u>		
Game, Fish and Water Safety Acct. No. 9	Estimated to be \$0	Estimated to be \$0
State Parks Account No. 064	Estimated to be \$0	Estimated to be \$0
Federal Funds	Estimated to be \$0	\$0
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	Estimated to be \$0	\$0
Interagency Contracts	\$0	\$0
Bond Proceeds - General Obligation Bonds	<u>Estimated to be \$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$0	\$0

Unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in such appropriation items as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. Unexpended and unobligated balances in General Revenue-Related accounts may not be carried forward from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 without 45 calendar days prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. Unexpended and unobligated balances of General Revenue-Related appropriations under this provision are subject to the provisions of Government Code, Section 403.071 for the purposes of determining the life of an appropriation; therefore, the agency is not authorized to carry forward unexpended and unobligated balances in General Revenue-Related accounts from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026 if the original appropriation for the project was made during or before fiscal year 2021. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts a report by no later than December 1st of each fiscal year showing the progress and costs of all projects funded by General Revenue-Related appropriations made by the Eighty-seventh and Eighty-eighth Legislatures.

- 5. Fund Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may transfer funds between any funds/accounts authorized by the Parks and Wildlife Code in order to alleviate cash flow problems during the biennium. All funds transferred must be returned to the original fund/account before the end of the biennium.
- 6. Authorization: Acceptance of Payment with Goods and Services.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may accept goods and/or services in lieu of cash for sales of products or rights on the department's public land areas. These goods and services may be on the same public land area as the product or right sold or any other public land area. In order to procure the goods and services in the amounts needed that equal the value of products or rights sold, an escrow bank account may be utilized.

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**7. Local Park Construction and Landowner Incentive Grants.** Any funds appropriated in prior years and within the current biennium in Strategies B.2.1, Local Park Grants, and B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, that are utilized for grants awarded for local park construction projects in excess of \$20,000 and in Strategy A.1.2, Technical Guidance to Private Landowners and the General Public, that are utilized for landowner incentive grants shall be treated as construction appropriations for the purpose of determining the life of the appropriation under the provisions of Government Code, Section 403.071.

**8. Appropriation: State-owned Housing Authorized.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall recover at least 20 percent of the established fair market rental value of housing from persons residing in state-owned housing first employed before September 1, 2005, and 100 percent of the established fair market rental value of housing from persons residing in state-owned housing employed on or after September 1, 2005. If the TPWD requires an employee to live on-site in state-owned housing as a condition of employment, then the TPWD shall recover at least 20 percent of the established market rental value of housing regardless of the date of employment.

Included in the amounts appropriated above is rental income collected from employee housing (estimated to be \$40,000 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation; estimated to be \$36,300 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.2.2, Inland Hatcheries Operations; estimated to be \$10,100 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy A.2.4, Coastal Hatcheries Operations; estimated to be \$318,400 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy B.1.2, Parks Minor Repair Program, and estimated to be \$3,600 in Appropriated Receipts each fiscal year in Strategy C.1.2, Texas Game Warden Training Center.) The recovered funds are appropriated to the TPWD for maintenance or replacement of employee housing.

Additionally, notwithstanding the provisions in Article IX of this Act, the TPWD may expend amounts in excess of \$50,000 per residence for the biennium as necessary to purchase, remodel, repair or replace state-owned housing, provided that the agency submits advanced notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

**9. Appropriation of Certain Concession Receipts.** Concession receipts generated as a result of the efforts of volunteer groups in state parks or other agency facilities are included in amounts appropriated above from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy B.1.1, State Park Operations (estimated to be \$0), and Strategy A.2.4, Coastal Hatcheries Operations (estimated to be \$205,400), for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025. These concession receipts shall be credited for the benefit of the specific state park or other agency facility where the funds are generated by volunteer groups. Concession receipts generated as a result of the efforts of department employees or leased concession contracts with third parties are also appropriated in the strategies above and are not subject to this rider.

**10. Payments to License Agents, Tax Assessor Collectors, and License Vendor.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.1, License Issuance, and C.3.2, Boat Registration and Titling, are amounts necessary for payments to license agents and tax assessor collectors (estimated to be \$3,657,000 in each fiscal year out of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, Non-Game and Endangered Species Conservation Account No. 0506, and Lifetime License Endowment Fund Account No. 0544). Such amounts shall be used for the sole purpose of payments to license agents and tax assessor collectors for the costs of issuing and collecting money associated with the sale of licenses, stamp endorsements, permits, tags, boat registration and titling, and other similar items issued under the Parks and Wildlife Code.

Also included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.3.1, License Issuance, are amounts necessary for payments to the license sales system vendor, estimated to be \$2,153,700 in each fiscal year out of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, \$225,000 in each fiscal year out of General Revenue - Earned Federal Funds, and \$1,721,300 in each fiscal year out of Appropriated Receipts from license machine rentals/damage fees and from collection/issuance fees for on-line/call center licenses purchases.

**11. Capital Budget Expenditures from Federal and Other Funding Sources.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is exempted from the limitations of capital budget rider provisions contained in Article IX of this Act when gifts, grants, interagency funds, inter-local funds, damage and mitigation funds, and federal funds are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor, damage/mitigation agreement or settlement, or state/federal agency solely for construction and repairs, land acquisition, or purchase of specific capital items.

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Additionally, the TPWD is exempted from the limitations of capital budget rider provisions when pass through funds to local entities are received in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's capital budget rider and such funds are designated by the donor, grantor or federal agency solely for the acquisition of land.

Amounts expended from these funding sources shall not count towards the limitation imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act. The TPWD shall annually report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts the amount received from these sources and the items to be purchased.

**12. Appropriation: Land Sale Proceeds.** Amounts appropriated above from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs, and D.1.2, Land Acquisition, include all balances as of August 31, 2025, and all proceeds collected on or after September 1, 2025, (balances and revenues estimated to be \$0) from the sale of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) lands, including the sale of land identified as underutilized and sold by the General Land Office. In accordance with Parks and Wildlife Code, Section 13.009, the balances and proceeds from the sale of these lands may be used only to improve or acquire other real property dedicated to the same purpose for which the land sold was dedicated. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

### 13. Border Security.

- (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Enforcement Programs, include estimated amounts of \$16,219,725 in 2026 and \$16,219,725 in 2027 in All Funds for items related to border security, as defined by Article IX, Section 7.10, Border Security. These estimated amounts include:
  - (1) \$7,467,615 and 90.0 FTEs each fiscal year for baseline game warden law enforcement activity in border counties. This amount includes \$3,296,773 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, \$2,105,287 from the General Revenue Fund, \$387,740 from Federal Funds, and \$1,677,815 from Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax each fiscal year, and
  - (2) \$8,752,110 and 49.0 FTEs in each year for the purpose of enhancing border security. This amount includes \$7,436,946 from the Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax, \$1,043,164 from the General Revenue Fund, and \$272,000 from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 each fiscal year.
- (b) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Enforcement Programs, also include \$1,957,920 in Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax for border security-related vehicles.

### 14. Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST).

- (a) **Appropriations.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) include \$251,230,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$258,338,000 in fiscal year 2027 (including End-of-Article Appropriations for Benefits, Transfers to ERS for Retiree Insurance, and Debt Service for Statewide Park Repairs) from limited sales, excise, and use tax revenue identified as Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) as reflected below in Subsection (c) to comply with Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7(d). This appropriation represents the statutory maximum allocation of SGST revenue to TPWD, pursuant to Tax Code, Section 151.801 (93.0 percent of the total SGST revenue), as calculated in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate (BRE), net of appropriations made elsewhere in this Act for benefits and debt service.

If the Comptroller determines that the maximum allocation of SGST revenue available to TPWD for the 2026-27 biennium exceeds the amounts appropriated in this Act to TPWD and amounts designated elsewhere for benefits and debt service, the difference is appropriated to TPWD. This appropriation of additional SGST revenue shall be allocated to the strategies and accounts that receive SGST revenue transfers by the Legislative Budget Board in consultation with TPWD based on a current assessment of needs, excluding totals for benefits and debt service. TPWD proposed plans for use of additional SGST shall be

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considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 90 calendar days after the date the plan was submitted. Notwithstanding the capital budget provisions in Rider 2, Capital Budget, and Article IX, Section 14.03, to the extent any of the additional SGST is directed by the Legislative Budget Board for state and local park related capital budget purposes as a result of the allocation determined by the above process, TPWD's capital budget authority is increased for these purposes and such increase shall not count towards the limitations imposed by capital budget provisions elsewhere in this Act.

In the event Comptroller updated SGST estimates are lower than the General Appropriations Act (GAA) or other subsequent SGST estimated amounts for the biennium, TPWD may fund any resulting shortfalls from existing SGST balances and/or the State Parks Account No. 64. If State Parks Account No. 64 is used, necessary amounts are appropriated from State Parks Account No. 64, provided that: (1) sufficient balances exist in the State Parks Account No. 64 to support such appropriations, (2) amounts are used for the same purposes as the SGST was originally approved in the GAA or subsequent approvals; and (3) TPWD coordinates with and provides advance notification to the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller before initiation the required method-of-finance change to use State Parks Account No. 64 for such purposes.

- (b) **SGST Method of Financing Changes.** TPWD may request approval from the Legislative Budget Board to change SGST methods of financing provided in initial strategy appropriations above within the following accounts to which SGST may be transferred to: (1) State Parks Account No. 64, (2) Texas Recreation and Parks Account No. 467, (3) Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Account No. 5004, and (4) Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150. This provision does not apply to initial SGST appropriations provided in strategies for capital budget projects included in TPWD's Rider 2, Capital Budget. TPWD shall request approval for any changes from the Legislative Budget Board in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board that provides information regarding the purposes and the projected impact of the changes and expenditures. A request submitted under this provision shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board regarding a request submitted by TPWD pursuant to this rider shall be provided in a timely manner. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the Legislative Budget Board may suspend the approval of a request at any time pending the receipt of additional information requested of TPWD.
- (c) **Informational Listing - Allocation of SGST.** Amounts appropriated and allocated in this Act include all amounts authorized in Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7(d) and Tax Code, Section 151.801, estimated to be \$270,140,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$277,783,000 in fiscal year 2027 in sales tax receipts deposited to the General Revenue Fund generated by sales of sporting goods items. These appropriations shall be allocated for the purposes specified, and the Comptroller shall make transfers, including for direct appropriations, benefits, debt, and any amounts necessary for estimated transfers to other agencies, as shown below.

Amounts for benefits, retiree insurance, and debt service are estimated. Amounts may be shifted between these categories as necessary to cover actual costs for these items.

Appropriations for debt service payments are made in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 17.07 of this Act, Use of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64.

In the event that the sum of the actual costs for benefits, retiree insurance, and debt service exceeds SGST amounts available for these purposes, the additional amounts shall be funded from the available remaining balance of the State Parks Account No. 64.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Agency Bill Pattern Appropriations</b>		
<b>Article I</b>		
Texas Historical Commission (THC)		
General Revenue (Sporting Goods Sales Tax)		
A.1.4, Historic Sites	\$ 18,910,000	\$ 19,445,000
Subtotal	\$ 18,910,000	\$ 19,445,000
<b>Article VI</b>		
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)		
SGST Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64		
B.1.1, State Park Operations	\$ 117,557,163	\$ 113,021,385
B.1.2, Parks Minor Repair Program	\$ 15,859,201	\$ 15,859,201
B.1.3, Parks Support	\$ 7,371,298	\$ 7,371,298
D.1.3, Infrastructure Administration		
Program	\$ 657,000	\$ 657,000
Subtotal	\$ 141,444,662	\$ 136,908,884
SGST Transfer to the Texas Recreation and Parks Account No. 467		
B.2.1, Local Park Grants	\$ 10,712,812	\$ 10,622,837
B.2.2, Boating Access and		
Other Grants	\$ 3,415,882	\$ 3,505,856
Subtotal	\$ 14,128,694	\$ 14,128,693
SGST Transfer to the Large County and Municipality Recreation and Parks Account No. 5150		
B.2.1, Local Park Grants	\$ 7,448,760	\$ 7,386,235
B.2.2, Boating Access and		
Other Grants	\$ 2,424,256	\$ 2,486,780
Subtotal	\$ 9,873,016	\$ 9,873,015
SGST Transfer to the Conservation and Capital Account No. 5004		
D.1.1, Improvements and Major		
Repairs	\$ 40,000,000	\$ 51,650,000
D.1.2, Land Acquisition	\$ 13,128,110	\$ 13,121,890
Subtotal	\$ 53,128,110	\$ 64,771,890
<b>End-of-Article Appropriations for Benefits,</b>		
<b>Estimated</b>	\$ 26,272,377	\$ 26,272,377
Transfers to ERS for Retiree Insurance,		
Estimated	\$ 562,979	\$ 787,542
Transfer to ERS for Retiree Insurance,		
<b>Debt Service for Statewide Park Repairs, Estimated</b>		
SGST Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64		
General Obligation Bond Debt Service		
Payments at the Texas Public Finance		
Authority		
	\$ 5,820,162	\$ 5,595,599
Subtotal, TPWD 2026-2027		
SGST Allocations	\$ 251,230,000	\$ 258,338,000
<b>SGST Appropriated and</b>		
<b>Estimated TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 270,140,000</b>	<b>\$ 277,783,000</b>

**15. Parks Minor Repair Program.** Notwithstanding capital budget provisions included elsewhere in this Act, appropriations for Strategy B.1.2, Parks Minor Repair Program, which are included in the

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capital budget rider are limited to the appropriation year plus two years as provided under Government Code, Section 403.071 and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall not carry forward any unobligated and unexpended balances of such appropriations between biennia.

- 16. Game Warden Academy.** Notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, cadets participating in the Texas Game Warden Academy of the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall not be counted toward the limit on the number of Full-Time Equivalent positions (FTEs) for the TPWD until their graduation. On graduation, the additional officers shall not cause the TPWD to exceed its limit on FTEs. The number of participants in the Game Warden Academy must be included in all required reports concerning FTEs and vacancies, but the cadets shall be reported as a separate total from the other FTEs of the TPWD.
- 17. Appropriation: Development Revenue.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is appropriated all revenue from fundraising and partnership development activities including revenues from funds raised, contributed, donated, or collected through private sector partnerships; joint promotional campaigns; licensing of the department brand, logo, or intellectual property; and sale of state park passes in any entity's retail locations (estimated to be \$0) each fiscal year. Any related unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 18. Appropriation: Donation Proceeds.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department include any donations generated from the vehicle registration and renewal processes and designated for use in funding the state park system (donation proceeds estimated to be \$500,000 for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium) out of the State Parks Account No. 64. Donation proceeds may be allocated to Strategy B.1.1, State Park Operations, Strategy B.1.2, Parks Minor Repair Program, and/or Strategy B.1.3, Parks Support, as the agency deems appropriate. Any unobligated and unexpended balances and donation proceeds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. In addition, consistent with Article IX, Section 8.01, Acceptance of Gifts of Money (d) and (e), any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for use during the 2026-27 biennium for the purposes provided by the grantor.
- 19. Exemption from Article IX Transferability Provisions.** Notwithstanding provisions in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, an appropriation to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department contained in this Act may be transferred from any appropriation item to Strategies E.1.1, Central Administration, and E.1.2, Information Resources, in amounts not to exceed 20 percent of the appropriation item from which the transfer is made for the fiscal year. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Governor of the purpose, the method of financing, and amount of funds when such transfers are made.
- 20. Exception for Texas Game Warden Training Center Meals.** Notwithstanding any restrictions on the purchase of food by a state agency, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is authorized to provide meals to cadets and instructors attending cadet training at the Texas Game Warden Training Center. In addition, the TPWD may recover from cadets and instructors through payroll reductions the actual costs for providing meals at the training center. Such funds are appropriated above from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy C.1.2, Texas Game Warden Training Center, (estimated to be \$70,800) each fiscal year to purchase meals or food services. Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 21. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Volunteer Services.** From funds appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may provide meals for volunteers when volunteers are on-site and providing labor and/or services for parks, wildlife management areas, and other agency programs.
- 22. Clothing Provision.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended to provide a clothing or cleaning allowance to any non-uniformed personnel. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department may continue to expend funds for a cleaning allowance for uniformed personnel not to exceed \$500 per employee per year.
- 23. Unexpended Balance Authority within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations as of August 31, 2026, made to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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- 24. Appropriation of Receipts: Off-Highway Vehicle Trail and Recreational Area Program.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is appropriated all receipts collected from the Off-Highway Vehicle decal fee, pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 29, for the purpose of implementing and administering the program. Amounts appropriated above from the fee are included in Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, in an estimated amount to be \$329,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund.
- 25. Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02 of this Act that are remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. TPWD is authorized to expend these funds for purposes authorized by the Parks and Wildlife Code, including capital budget purposes. Such expenditures must comply with limitations established for salary, travel, and capital expenditures, employment levels, and other provisions contained in Article IX of this Act. TPWD shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor and the Comptroller of Accounts a report by no later than October 1, 2026, of amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 under this provision, and the purposes for which those amounts would be expended in fiscal year 2027.
- 26. Appropriation: Oyster Shell Recovery and Cultch Replacement Receipts.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department out of the Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9 in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, include all unobligated and unexpended balances of oyster shell recovery tag and oyster cultch replacement fees remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) and all receipts collected from the sale of oyster shell recovery tags and oyster cultch replacement fees pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 76 (estimated to be \$147,200 in fiscal year 2026 and \$147,200 in fiscal year 2027) to be used for the recovery and enhancement of public oyster reefs. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of oyster shell recovery tags and oyster cultch replacement fees remaining as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 27. Testing and Immunization of Employees.** Funds appropriated above may be expended for any immunization or testing which is required of employees at risk in the performance of the employee's duties.
- 28. Statewide Aquatic Vegetation and Invasive Species Management.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Inland Fisheries Management, \$3,082,400 in each fiscal year from Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax, \$112,000 in each fiscal year from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account, and \$500,000 in each fiscal year from Federal Funds and 10.0 FTEs, and in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, \$55,600 from Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax each fiscal year shall be used to maintain boat lanes, general access, outdoor recreational activities, manage aquatic invasive species, and to improve fish and wildlife habitat on water bodies statewide. From these funds, \$2,500,000 in each fiscal year in Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax shall be used for aquatic invasive species management, including zebra mussels, giant salvinia and other plant and animal species. Any unexpended balances of these amounts as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Use of the Federal Funds referenced above is contingent upon receipt of a federal boating access grant under the Sportfish Restoration Act by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
- 29. Bond Project Substitutions and Reporting Requirements.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this act governing bond project substitutions, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) may substitute bond projects for those previously approved within the same project category by submitting a written request for project substitution to the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) and the Legislative Budget Board. Requests within categories for project deletions, reductions, and either new or amended projects in which the total adjustment is less than or equal to \$1,000,000 shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the request is received. Requests for substitutions between categories to substitute projects for those previously approved or in which the total adjustment is more than \$1,000,000 shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days



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of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to expend the funds and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a bond report before the last business day of each month detailing the following: project location; total project budget; expenditures to date, excluding reporting month expenditures; reporting month expenditures; total expenditures to date; encumbered amount at the end of reporting month; funds available amount; and percentage of the project completed.

- 30. Big Bend Ranch State Park.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall maintain the longhorn herd at Big Bend Ranch State Park.
- 31. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances for Deferred Maintenance.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs, are any unexpended and unobligated balances of Sporting Goods Sales Tax - Transfer to Parks and Wildlife Conservation and Capital Account No. 5004 appropriated in Strategy D.1.1, Improvements and Major Repairs, in the 2018-19, 2020-21, 2022-23 and 2024-25 biennium for deferred maintenance and capital construction projects reviewed by the Joint Oversight Committee on Government Facilities as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

Any unexpended and unobligated balances for deferred maintenance remaining as of August 31, 2025, as identified in this rider shall be included in the Deferred Maintenance capital project identified in Rider 2, Capital Budget. Any unexpended and unobligated balances for capital construction projects remaining as of August 31, 2025, as identified in this rider shall be included in the Construction and Major Repairs capital project identified in Rider 2, Capital Budget.

- 32. Appropriation: License Plate Receipts.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategies A.1.1, Wildlife Conservation, A.2.1, Inland Fisheries Management, A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, B.1.1, State Park Operations, C.2.1, Outreach and Education Programs, and C.2.2, Provide Communication Products and Services, include all revenues collected, interest earned, and available balances on or after September 1, 2025, estimated to total \$1,474,400 for the 2026-27 biennium out of the License Plate Trust Fund No. 0802. The following is an informational listing of estimated collections per plate from specialty license plate sales totaling \$1,474,400 and estimated available balances totaling \$0:

Specialty Plates	Revenue	Balance
Monarch Butterfly specialty plates (3042)	\$ 82,400	\$0
Horned Toad specialty plates (3043)	\$ 282,600	\$0
Bluebonnet specialty plates (3044)	\$ 201,200	\$0
Whitetail Deer specialty plates (3045)	\$ 141,400	\$0
Camping specialty plates (3046)	\$ 79,20085	\$0
Largemouth Bass specialty plates (3047)	\$ 84,400	\$0
Hummingbird specialty plates (3048)	\$ 100,400	\$0
Rattlesnake specialty plates (3049)	\$ 63,400	\$0
Texas Rivers specialty plates (3050)	\$ 59,600	\$0
Bighorn Sheep specialty plates (3051)	\$ 21,400	\$0
Roadrunner specialty plates (3052)	\$ 40,200	\$0
Big Bend National Park specialty plates (3030)	\$ 85,200	\$0
Waterfowl and Wetland Conservation specialty plates (3057)	\$ 75,000	\$0
Texas Lions Camp specialty plates (3116)	\$ 11,000	\$0
Marine Mammal Recovery specialty plates (3120)	\$ 16,000	\$0
Marine Conservation specialty plates (3142)	\$ 37,000	\$0
Save Texas Ocelots specialty plates (3151)	\$ 38,600	\$0
Quail specialty plates (3152)	\$ 19,600	\$0
Big Bend Fossil specialty plates (3153)	\$ 20,400	\$0
Houston Audubon-Meadowlark specialty plates (3154)	\$ 8,400	\$0
Guadalupe Mountains National Park specialty plates (3155)	\$ 7,000	\$0
Total	\$ 1,474,400	\$0

These specialty licenses plates are authorized pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code, Section 504.606 (Big Bend), Section 504.627 (Waterfowl and Wetland), Section 504.644 (Marine

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Mammal Recovery), Section 504.656 (Texas Lions Camp), Section 504.660 (Marine Conservation), Section 504.801 (Save Texas Ocelots Plates, Quail Plates, and Houston Audubon-Meadowlark plates, and Guadalupe Mountains National Park plates), and Section 504.618 (Bluebonnet, Largemouth Bass, Whitetail Deer, Bighorn Sheep, Horned Toad, Hummingbird, Rattlesnake, Monarch Butterfly, Texas Rivers, Camping, and Roadrunner). Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining in the License Plate Trust Fund No. 802 as of August 31, 2025, for TPWD-related or sponsored specialty license plates are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unobligated and unexpended balances from TPWD-related or sponsored specialty license plates as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes as of September 1, 2026.

- 33. Appropriation of State Park Concession Revenue.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, State Park Operations, is concession receipt revenue generated at state park facilities deposited in the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 (estimated to be \$3,900,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium). In the event concession receipt revenue deposited in General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 exceeds the estimated amount in either fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, the agency is appropriated the excess (not to exceed \$200,000 in each fiscal year) for the purpose of purchasing merchandise for resale and enhancing the state park concession system. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

The Parks and Wildlife Department shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts if concession receipt revenue generated at state park facilities deposited in General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 exceeds the estimated amount of \$3,900,000 each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium and are appropriated according to this provision.

- 34. Battleship Texas.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) shall submit annual reports based on information provided by the Battleship Texas Foundation to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office related to the repair, renovation, operation, and maintenance of the Battleship Texas. The reports shall be provided no later than September 1 of each fiscal year and in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall include, at minimum:

- (1) A copy of the most recent draft or fully executed Memorandum of Understanding developed between the agency and the Battleship Texas Foundation;
- (2) The status of state funds granted to the Battleship Texas Foundation from TPWD;
- (3) Performance indicators and timelines for activities related to Battleship Texas preservation efforts; and
- (4) Performance indicators for educational outreach programs conducted by the Battleship Texas Foundation.

- 35. Appropriation: Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP) Participation Fees.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) out of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 in Strategy A.1.2, Technical Guidance, include any unobligated and unexpended balances of MLDP fees remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0), and any receipts from MLDP participation fees pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 43 (estimated to be \$1,492,000 each year of the biennium) to be used exclusively for the operation of the MLDP, including associated salaries, operations, and capital items. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

No later than September 15th of each fiscal year, TPWD shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board that details total revenues collected by the MLDP during the previous fiscal year.

- 36. Appropriation: Fees Related to Oyster Mariculture.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department out of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 in Strategy A.2.3, Coastal Fisheries Management, include any unobligated and unexpended balances of oyster mariculture fees remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) and any receipts from application and permit fees related to the Oyster Mariculture program collected pursuant to Parks and Wildlife Code, Chapter 75 (estimated to be \$99,850 each year of the biennium) to be used exclusively for the operation of the Oyster Mariculture program, including any cleanup activities.

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

- 37. Recreational Trails Program.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Texas Recreation and Parks Acct. No. 467 or Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to Large County and Municipal Recreation and Parks Acct. No. 5150 in Strategy B.2.2, Boating Access and Other Grants, \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be used to provide grants for the Recreational Trails Program. Such amounts shall be used in accordance with current federal guidelines, including match and eligibility requirements, for the Recreational Trails Grants Program.
- 38. Transfer Authority: Appropriations for Local Parks Grants.** Notwithstanding the transfer provisions contained in Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall not transfer appropriations out of Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, to other strategies.
- 39. Carryforward Authority for Supply Chain Delays.**
- (a) Any unexpended or unobligated balances remaining from appropriations made to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) for the purchase of vehicles and equipment in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
  - (b) Any appropriations encumbered for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as of August 31, 2025, that subsequently become unencumbered after August 31, 2025, due to manufacturer cancellation or similar circumstance, are appropriated to TPWD for the same purpose for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
  - (c) The agency shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 1, 2026, that identifies amounts carried forward, the number and model of vehicles and equipment items purchased with these amounts, and any potential need for supply chain-related carry forward authority to be maintained in the 2028-29 biennium.
- 40. Reporting on Centennial Parks Conservation Fund.** The Parks and Wildlife Department shall provide semi-annual reports to the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor before March 1 and August 31 regarding the status of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund.
- The reports shall include cumulative and semi-annual information on the following:
- (a) current fund balance;
  - (b) interest and investment income/earnings;
  - (c) actual expenses, outstanding encumbrances; and
  - (d) any outstanding requests pending Legislative Budget Board approval.
- The reporting requirement in this rider does not preclude the Legislative Budget Board and the Office of the Governor from requesting additional information.
- 41. Appropriation: Boater Education Fees.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.1, Wildlife, Fisheries and Water Safety Enforcement/Education, are any boater education fee revenues, including boater education deferral fee revenues, deposited into the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, estimated to be \$782,000 over the 2026-27 biennium. Such amounts shall be used for the purpose of enhancing boater and water safety through the boater education program, including salaries, operating and the purchase of necessary capital transportation and equipment items. Any unobligated or unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 42. Reporting Requirement for Appropriated Receipts and Federal Funds.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 8.02 and Article IX, Part 13 of this Act, with the exception of Article IX, Section 13.02 as provided below, the Parks and Wildlife Department must report to the Legislative Budget Board the receipt of Appropriated Receipts and Federal Funds greater than the amounts included in the department's bill pattern shown above before the appropriations may be made

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available to the department by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. In its notification to the Legislative Budget Board, the Parks and Wildlife Department must include the amount of Appropriated Receipts and Federal Funds that will exceed the amounts included in the department’s bill pattern, the source of revenue and/or federal funds providing the increase, and the proposed use of the monies. In addition, the Parks and Wildlife Department must provide a copy of its notification to the Legislative Budget Board to the Comptroller of Public Accounts before the Comptroller of Public Accounts may release funds greater than the amounts included in the department’s bill pattern shown above appropriated to the department by Article IX, Section 8.02 and Article IX, Part 13.

Notification of increased Federal Funds to the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts as required under this reporting requirement for amounts in excess of \$10,000,000 greater than the amounts included in the department’s bill pattern shall satisfy the requirements of Article IX, Section 13.02 (a) for those purposes.

- 43. Local Parks Grants.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 that may be used for no other purpose than providing a grant to Runge Park. Any unobligated and unexpended balances appropriated from the General Revenue Fund for the grant as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 44. Game Warden and Park Police 50-Hour Work Week.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy C.1.1 Enforcement Programs, include \$19,250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$19,250,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing payments for a 50-hour work week for game wardens and park police.
- 45. Grant for the Robb Elementary Memorial.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.1, Local Parks Grants, include \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing a grant to construct and maintain a memorial for the victims of the Robb Elementary shooting. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 46. Texas State Aquarium Wildlife Recovery and Rehabilitation.** Amounts appropriated above to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Strategy B.2.2, Provide Boating Access, Trails and Other Grants, \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of providing grants to the Texas State Aquarium to develop a Wildlife Recovery and Professional Development Training Center, increase capacity and rehabilitation capabilities for rescued wildlife, and develop the Texas Coastal Resiliency Center. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 47. Study on Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 Revenues and Balances.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department shall conduct a study of Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 revenues and balances. TPWD shall report any findings, as well as recommendations to promote the long term health of the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9, to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office by no later than September 1, 2026.

**RAILROAD COMMISSION**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 98,116,190	\$ 97,977,291
GR Dedicated - Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155	\$ 80,210,588	\$ 73,610,588
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Federal Funds	\$ 54,146,012	\$ 54,146,012

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GR Account - Railroad Commission Federal	<u>168,280</u>	<u>168,280</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 54,314,292	\$ 54,314,292
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,810,000	\$ 1,810,000
Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Storage Trust Fund No. 827	<u>352,000</u>	<u>352,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 2,162,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,162,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 234,803,070</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 228,064,171</b></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 2,506,285	\$ 2,530,425
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	1,150.6	1,150.6
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Railroad Commissioner, Group 6	(3) \$140,938	(3) \$140,938
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ENERGY RESOURCES</b>		
Oversee Oil and Gas Resource Development.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	\$ 35,078,439	\$ 29,709,957
Promote Energy Resource Development Opportunities.		
<b>B. Goal: SAFETY PROGRAMS</b>		
Advance Safety Through Training, Monitoring, and Enforcement.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: PIPELINE SAFETY</b>	\$ 12,182,764	\$ 12,182,764
Ensure Pipeline Safety.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION</b>	3,690,088	690,088
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: REGULATE ALT FUEL RESOURCES</b>	<u>4,909,818</u>	<u>4,909,818</u>
Regulate Alternative Fuel Resources.		
<b>Total, Goal B: SAFETY PROGRAMS</b>	\$ 20,782,670	\$ 17,782,670
<b>C. Goal: ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		
Min. Harmful Effects of Energy Prod & Ensure Fair Rates for Consumers.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: OIL/GAS MONITOR &amp; INSPECTIONS</b>	\$ 35,310,146	\$ 35,646,776
Oil and Gas Monitoring and Inspections.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: SURFACE MINING MONITORING/INSPECT</b>	5,162,235	6,162,235
Surface Mining Monitoring and Inspections.		
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: OIL&amp;GAS WELL PLUGGING &amp; REMEDIATION</b>	117,075,868	117,368,821
Oil and Gas Well Plugging and Remediation.		
<b>C.2.2. Strategy: SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION</b>	2,138,134	2,138,134
<b>C.3.1. Strategy: GAS UTILITY COMMERCE</b>	3,831,472	3,831,472
Ensure Fair Rates and Compliance to Rate Structures.		
<b>C.4.1. Strategy: WEATHER PREPAREDNESS</b>	<u>12,711,100</u>	<u>12,711,100</u>
Critical Infrastructure Weather Preparedness.		
<b>Total, Goal C: ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>	\$ 176,228,955	\$ 177,858,538
<b>D. Goal: PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFO AND SERVICES</b>		
Public Access to Information and Services.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES</b>	<u>\$ 2,713,006</u>	<u>\$ 2,713,006</u>
<b>Grand Total, RAILROAD COMMISSION</b>	<u><b>\$ 234,803,070</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 228,064,171</b></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 81,481,870	\$ 81,481,870
Other Personnel Costs	1,693,660	1,693,660
Professional Fees and Services	49,556,882	41,456,869

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Fuels and Lubricants	1,580,469	1,580,469
Consumable Supplies	235,027	235,027
Utilities	828,220	828,220
Travel	1,777,884	1,777,884
Rent - Building	1,067,496	1,067,496
Rent - Machine and Other	452,744	452,744
Other Operating Expense	95,284,951	96,784,965
Capital Expenditures	<u>843,867</u>	<u>704,967</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 234,803,070</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 228,064,171</u></u>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 7,529,917	\$ 7,597,724
Group Insurance	13,735,925	14,090,321
Social Security	6,083,537	6,138,325
Benefits Replacement	<u>16,459</u>	<u>13,381</u>

**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

<u><u>\$ 27,365,838</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 27,839,751</u></u>
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Railroad Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Railroad Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Railroad Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ENERGY RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Oil and Gas Wells That Are Active	65%	65%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Drilling Permit Applications Processed	12,500	12,500
Number of Wells Monitored	435,000	435,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Wells Monitored Per Analyst	33,500	33,500
The Average Number of Staff Days Required to Review and Process a Drilling Permit Application During the Reporting Period	3	3
<b>B. Goal: SAFETY PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Average Number of Pipeline Safety Violations Per Equivalent 100 Miles of Pipe Identified through Inspections	0.8	0.8
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: PIPELINE SAFETY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Pipeline Safety Inspections Performed	2,100	2,100
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Pipeline Field Inspections Per Field Inspector	85	85
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PIPELINE DAMAGE PREVENTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Excavation Damage Enforcement Cases Completed	3,500	3,000
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: REGULATE ALT FUEL RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of LPG/LNG/CNG Safety Inspections Performed	20,000	20,000
<b>C. Goal: ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Oil and Gas Facility Inspections That Identify Environmental Violations	5%	5%
Percentage of Known Orphaned Wells Plugged with State-Managed Funds	17.5%	17.5%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: OIL/GAS MONITOR &amp; INSPECTIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Oil and Gas Well and Facility Inspections Performed	425,000	425,000
Number of Oil and Gas Environmental Permit Applications and Reports Processed	132,000	132,000

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<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Oil and Gas Well and Facility Inspections Performed by District Staff	2,000	2,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of UIC Wells and Other Facilities Subject to Regulation	80,000	80,000
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: SURFACE MINING MONITORING/INSPECT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Coal Mining Inspections Performed	390	395
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: OIL&amp;GAS WELL PLUGGING &amp; REMEDIATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Abandoned Pollution Sites Investigated, Assessed, or Cleaned Up with State-Managed Funds	250	250
Number of Orphaned Wells Plugged with State-Managed Funds	1,700	1,700
Total Aggregate Plugging Depth of Orphaned Wells Plugged with State-Managed Funds (in Linear Feet)	3,500,000	3,500,000
<b>C.3.1. Strategy: GAS UTILITY COMMERCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Gas Utility Dockets and Cases Filed	50	50
<b>C.4.1. Strategy: WEATHER PREPAREDNESS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Inspections at Sites That Are Required to Weatherize during the Reporting Period	7,234	7,379
Total Number of Facilities That Are Required to Weatherize Identified to Be Non-complaint with Weatherization Standards	3	3
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Designated Critical Infrastructure Facilities in the State	39,378	40,559
<b>D. Goal: PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFO AND SERVICES</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Documents Provided to Customers by Information Services	100,000	100,000

**2. Capital Budget.** Funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items listed below. The amounts identified for each item may be adjusted or expended on other capital expenditures, subject to the aggregate dollar restrictions on capital budget expenditures provided in the General Provisions of this Act.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) PC Refresh	\$ 544,375	\$ 544,375
(2) Inspection/Enforcement Tracking and Reporting System - Phase 5	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 3,544,375	\$ 544,375
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services (DCS)	\$ 7,411,243	\$ 7,869,131
c. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Mainframe Transformation Phase 4	<u>\$ 14,016,774</u>	<u>\$ 7,458,873</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 24,972,392</u>	<u>\$ 15,872,379</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,706,682	\$ 7,167,386
GR Dedicated - Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155	<u>\$ 15,265,710</u>	<u>\$ 8,704,993</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 24,972,392</u>	<u>\$ 15,872,379</u>

**3. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: LPG/CNG/LNG Fees.** Fees, fines and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Alternative Fuels Licensing and Regulation Program related to activities in the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG),

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compresses natural gas (CNG), and liquefied natural gas (LNG) industries pursuant to Natural Resources Code Sections 113.082, 113.090, 113.093, 113.094, 113.131, 116.032, 116.034, and 116.072 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of General Revenue Fund appropriations made above in Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Alternative Fuel Resources, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with these programs. Direct costs for the Alternative Fuels Licensing Program are estimated to be \$2,995,741 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,996,262 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$635,123 in fiscal year 2026 and \$641,232 in fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

All fees collected in excess of the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate (Revenue Object Codes 3035 and 3246) are appropriated to the Railroad Commission to be spent on the Alternative Fuels Licensing Program that generated the fees.

- 4. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Training and Examination Renewal Fees.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Regulate Alternative Fuel Resources, is \$1,400,000 in each fiscal year of the biennium in Appropriated Receipts (Revenue Object Codes 3245 and 3722) from fees assessed and collected pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Sections 113.088 and 116.034. These amounts may only be used for the purpose of providing training and examinations to licensees and certificate holders. In addition to amounts appropriated above, any additional amounts collected by the Railroad Commission pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Sections 113.088 and 116.034, on or after September 1, 2025, are appropriated to the Commission for the same purpose. Any additional revenues that may be collected under the provisions of this rider are estimated to be \$0.

- 5. Appropriation Limited to Revenue Collections: Coal Mining Inspection and Enforcement and Coal/Uranium Mining Applications and Permits.** Fees, fines and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Coal Mining Inspection and Enforcement Program and the Coal/Uranium Mining Applications and Permits Program pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Chapters 131 and 134 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of General Revenue Fund appropriations made above in Strategy C.1.2, Surface Mining Monitoring and Inspections, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the Coal Mining Inspection and Enforcement Program and the Coal/Uranium Mining Applications and Permits Program are estimated to be \$3,925,540 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,926,147 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$347,390 in fiscal year 2026 and \$350,749 in fiscal year 2027 .

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

All fees collected in excess of the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate (Revenue Object Code 3329) are appropriated to the Railroad Commission to be spent on the Surface Mining Program that generated the fees.

- 6. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Pipeline Safety and Regulatory Fees.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Pipeline Safety/Inspections Program and the Underground Damage Prevention Program pursuant to Natural Resources Code, Section 81.071 and Utilities Code, Section 121.211 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 appropriations made above in Strategy B.1.1, Ensure Pipeline Safety, and Strategy B.1.2, Pipeline Damage Prevention, as well as the other "direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the Pipeline Safety and Regulatory Program are estimated to be \$6,979,125 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,976,198 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,523,772 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,538,444 in fiscal year 2027.



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In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 7. Capital Budget Expenditures: Federal Funds and Appropriated Receipts.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.03, Transfers - Capital Budget, the Railroad Commission may expend Federal Funds and Appropriated Receipts collected in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's bill pattern on items listed in Rider 2, Capital Budget. The Railroad Commission shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Governor upon receipt of Federal Funds and Appropriated Receipts collected in excess of the amounts identified in the agency's bill pattern, the amount received from these sources, and how the amounts will be expended on items listed in Rider 2, Capital Budget.
- 8. Appropriation: Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Storage Trust Fund Revenues.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Energy Resource Development, any revenues received in the Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Storage Trust Fund No. 827 (Other Funds) (estimated to be \$0 in fiscal year 2026 and \$0 in fiscal year 2027) during the 2026-27 biennium are appropriated to the Railroad Commission. In accordance with Water Code, Chapter 27, Subchapter C-1, these funds shall be used for the costs of: (1) permitting, monitoring, and inspecting anthropogenic carbon dioxide injection wells for geologic storage and geologic storage facilities; and (2) enforcing and implementing Water Code, Chapter 27, Subchapter C-1, and rules adopted by the Railroad Commission pursuant to this Subchapter C-1.

The Railroad Commission shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the Governor if any revenue received in the Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Storage Trust Fund No. 827 (Other Funds) is appropriated according to this provision.

- 9. Oil and Gas Division Permitting Efficiencies.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Public Information and Services, the Railroad Commission shall publish information regarding staffing levels in its Oil and Gas Division in both its Austin office and in each district office. The information shall detail how the agency is managing staffing levels sufficient to review and respond to disposal or injection well permits applications within 30 business days of receipt, all other permits applications within 10 business days of receipt, and issue final decisions on contested case oil and gas permitting matters within 60 business days of the hearing date.
- 10. Transfer Authority.** Notwithstanding limitations on appropriation transfers contained in the General Provisions of this Act, the Railroad Commission is authorized to direct agency resources and transfer such amounts appropriated above between appropriation line items.

The Railroad Commission shall provide prior notification to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding transfers of amounts appropriated above between appropriation line items if the amount exceeds 20 percent of the appropriation line item from which the transfer is made for the fiscal year.

- 11. Appropriation: Unexpended Balances Between Fiscal Years within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in the appropriations made to the Railroad Commission are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 12. Appropriation: Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account Fees.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the Railroad Commission is appropriated any fees deposited in the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 in excess of amounts indicated in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate.
- The Railroad Commission shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts if fees deposited in the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 exceed the amount identified in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate and are appropriated according to this provision.
- 13. Operational Stability Contingency.** In the event that the sum of available unencumbered and unobligated balances in the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 (estimated to be \$44.5 million at the beginning of the 2026-27 biennium) and the revenue deposited into the account during each year of the 2026-27 biennium, is determined by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to be insufficient to support appropriations made in this Act

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from the account, including other direct and indirect costs, the Commission is appropriated amounts from the General Revenue Fund generated by the Gas Utility Pipeline Tax, in the amount of the difference, not to exceed \$5.0 million per fiscal year.

- 14. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Capital Budget Categories.** Out of amounts appropriated to the Railroad Commission for the 2024-25 biennium for capital budget items included in the Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies and the Legacy Modernization categories, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) from the following capital budget projects are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes:

- (a) Inspection/Enforcement Tracking and Reporting System - Phase 4
- (b) Mainframe Transformation - Phase 3

- 15. Additional Funding Sources and Cash Flow Contingency.** In the event that revenues collected in the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155 for each fiscal year of the biennium are less than 90.0 percent of the amounts appropriated in this Act, including other direct and indirect costs and repayment of the additional amount from the General Revenue Fund, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may direct the transfer of sufficient amounts from the General Revenue Fund to the Railroad Commission from appropriations made elsewhere in this Act.

Contingent upon the receipt of revenue in the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Account No. 5155, the Railroad Commission may temporarily utilize additional amounts from the General Revenue Fund, pending receipt of revenue, in an amount not to exceed \$25.0 million per fiscal year. The amounts transferred from the General Revenue Fund above the General Revenue Fund method of financing shall be utilized for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. The transfer and reimbursement of funds shall be made under procedures established by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ensure all borrowed funds are reimbursed to the Treasury on or before December 31 of the following fiscal year.

- 16. Informational Listing: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds.** Amounts appropriated above to the Railroad Commission include \$47,286,012 in fiscal year 2026 and \$47,286,012 in fiscal year 2027 in Federal Funds provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) for the purpose of plugging orphaned oil and gas wells. In addition, an estimated 946 wells in fiscal year 2026 and 950 wells in fiscal year 2027 are anticipated to be plugged using these IIJA funds and are included in the performance measure targets for the "Number of Orphaned Wells Plugged with the Use of State-Managed Funds" in Rider 1, Performance Measure Targets.

- 17. Underground Injection Control Modeling.** The Railroad Commission may utilize funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Energy Resource Development, to contract for advanced modeling to draw seismic response areas, set appropriate limitations on injection wells, and quickly implement statutory and regulatory requirements associated with seismic events.

- 18. Enforcement and Compliance Data and Public Information.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Railroad Commission in Strategy D.1.1, Public Information and Services, the agency shall publish enforcement data on its website quarterly, including inspection and enforcement activities, violations identified, and the final penalties assessed to operators. The agency shall also make available on its website quarterly trends in its enforcement data, including the number of complaints received and how the complaints were resolved, the number and severity of violations identified and sent for enforcement actions for each Commission rule, and the number of repeat violations found for each operator.

- 19. Hydrogen Sulfide Mapping Study.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, the Railroad Commission shall conduct a mapping study and assessment that determines and shows in a geographic manner:

- (a) A list and map of oil and gas wells with hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 parts per million (PPM);
- (b) A list and map of oil and gas infrastructure, including storage tanks that contain products that have hydrogen sulfide levels that are greater than 100 PPM;

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(c) A list of those wells or infrastructure that are located within 5 miles of residential properties.

The Commission shall provide a report with the information required in this rider to the Legislative Budget Board and all members of the Legislature by September 1, 2026.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 45,606,025	\$ 45,561,025
Federal Funds	\$ 36,644,312	\$ 36,644,312
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 82,255,837</u>	<u>\$ 82,210,837</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 99.9% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	90.0	90.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$160,262	\$160,262
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST Soil and Water Conservation Assistance.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PROGRAM MANAGEMENT & ASSISTANCE Program Expertise, Financial & Conservation Implementation Assistance.	\$ 20,053,775	\$ 20,053,775
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> FLOOD CONTROL DAM MAINTENANCE Flood Control Dam Maintenance, Operations and Engineering.	15,046,393	15,001,393
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> FLOOD CONTROL DAM CONSTRUCTION	<u>32,558,819</u>	<u>32,558,819</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST	\$ 67,658,987	\$ 67,613,987
<b>B. Goal:</b> NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT Administer a Program for Abatement of Agricul Nonpoint Source Pollution.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN Implement a Statewide Management Plan for Controlling NPS Pollution.	\$ 4,624,600	\$ 4,624,600
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS Water Quality Management Plans for Problem Agricultural Areas.	<u>5,370,500</u>	<u>5,370,500</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT	\$ 9,995,100	\$ 9,995,100
<b>C. Goal:</b> WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT Protect and Enhance Water Supplies.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CARRIZO CANE ERADICATION	\$ 3,605,000	\$ 3,605,000
<b>D. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>996,750</u>	<u>996,750</u>
<b>Grand Total, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD</b>	<u>\$ 82,255,837</u>	<u>\$ 82,210,837</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 6,387,982	\$ 6,416,970
Other Personnel Costs	178,000	178,000
Professional Fees and Services	5,700,000	5,700,000

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Fuels and Lubricants	52,500	52,500
Consumable Supplies	30,100	30,100
Utilities	102,700	102,700
Travel	494,500	494,500
Rent - Building	347,268	347,280
Rent - Machine and Other	44,501	44,501
Other Operating Expense	3,272,871	3,272,871
Grants	65,600,415	65,571,415
Capital Expenditures	45,000	0
Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$ 82,255,837	\$ 82,210,837

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 478,831	\$ 483,284
Group Insurance	838,197	855,542
Social Security	383,947	387,518
Benefits Replacement	3,393	2,759
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 1,704,368	\$ 1,729,103

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Soil and Water Conservation Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Soil and Water Conservation Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Soil and Water Conservation Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION ASSIST</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of District Financial Needs Met by Soil and Water Conservation Board Grants	70%	70%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: PROGRAM MANAGEMENT &amp; ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Contacts with Districts to Provide Conservation Program Implementation and Education Assistance	18,625	18,625
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: FLOOD CONTROL DAM MAINTENANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Flood Control Dam Maintenance Grants Awarded	0	0
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: FLOOD CONTROL DAM CONSTRUCTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Flood Control Dam Construction Grants Awarded	1	1
Number of Flood Control Dam Construction Grants Completed	3	2
<b>B. Goal: NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION ABATEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Agricultural and Silvicultural Operations with a Potential to Cause Nonpoint Pollution in Problem Areas As Identified and Designated by the TSSWCB	50%	50%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: STATEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Proposals for Federal Grant Funding Evaluated by TSSWCB Staff	25	25
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Water Quality Management Plans Certified	190	190
<b>C. Goal: WATER SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CARRIZO CANE ERADICATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Predicted Number of Acres of Carrizo Cane Treated	3,500	3,500

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### 2. Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

#### (a) Conservation Assistance Grants.

- (1) Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Soil and Water Conservation Board, any conservation assistance grant funds awarded to soil and water conservation districts on a matching basis that require districts to raise funds from sources other than the Soil and Water Conservation Board prior to receiving such grants shall remain permanently with the soil and water conservation district to which funds were granted.
- (2) **Match Requirements.** Funds appropriated above for conservation assistance grants for soil and water conservation districts may be expended only when matched by equal amounts from sources other than state funds or earnings from state funds. The Soil and Water Conservation Board shall allocate \$7,500 in General Revenue Funds to each district out of the amounts appropriated for this purpose each fiscal year.
  - (A) The Soil and Water Conservation Board may adjust the maximum annual district allocation as available funds and district needs change each fiscal year, not to exceed \$15,000 in any district each fiscal year as provided under the authority in Subsection (a)(2)(B).
  - (B) If a soil and water conservation district raises less than the initial maximum allocation, the Soil and Water Conservation Board is authorized to reallocate unexpended balances. The board is authorized to reallocate unexpended balances between district allocations each fiscal year to meet the objective of maximizing available conservation assistance grant funding, provided such reallocations are within the total amount appropriated for the purpose of providing conservation assistance grants each fiscal year except as authorized in Subsection (a)(2)(C).
  - (C) Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations for the purpose of providing conservation assistance grants remaining as of August 31, 2026, carried forward into the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, under the authority of Rider 8, Unexpended Balances, below for the same purpose are subject to the limitations provided in Subsection (a)(2)(A).
- (b) **Needs Assessment Report.** Out of amounts appropriated above, no later than May 31 of each even numbered year, the Soil and Water Conservation Board shall produce and provide to the Legislative Budget Board a report, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that provides a financial needs assessment of all Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, identifies the qualitative and quantitative factors within that needs assessment, determines the amount of additional funding required to meet those needs, includes an inventory of additional services that could be provided, identifies optional funding level impacts, and provides recommendations for which programs should be prioritized for additional funding.

**3. Allocation of Grant Funds.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Soil and Water Conservation Board, any Conservation Implementation Assistance or Technical Assistance grant funds to the soil and water conservation districts shall be used for expenses occurring in the fiscal year in which the grant funds are allocated. Grant distributions are made contingent upon districts filing annual Conservation Implementation Assistance or Technical Assistance expenditure summary reports with the Soil and Water Conservation Board and are subject to a year-end reconciliation.

**4. Statewide Management Plan.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Statewide Management Plan, is \$966,000 in each fiscal year out of the General Revenue Fund for the nonpoint source water quality program.

**5. Water Quality Management Plans.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2, Pollution Abatement Plan, is \$406,818 out of the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year for administrative costs associated with the preparation of water quality management plans for poultry operators and \$4,804,520 out of the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year for the planning and implementation of water quality management plans.

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6. Flood Control Dam Transfer Authority.

- (a) Notwithstanding Article IX, Sec. 14.01, Appropriations Transfers, of this Act:
  - (1) no appropriations may be transferred out of Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, without prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board; and
  - (2) appropriations may be transferred out of Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance:
    - (A) without limit into Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction; and
    - (B) in an amount not to exceed 20.0 percent of the amount appropriated in the fiscal year into strategies other than Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction.
- (b) The Soil and Water Conservation Board shall submit:
  - (1) notification to the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the purpose, the method of financing and the amount of funds to be transferred into Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, and into and out of Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance, within 30 calendar days of each transfer; and
  - (2) a report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than August 1st each year providing details on encumbered funds and federal funds impacts on flood control dam projects.

7. **Ten-Year Dam Repair and Maintenance Plan Report.** The Soil and Water Conservation Board shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) by August 1st each year regarding progress made on items listed in the plan required by Agriculture Code, Sec. 201.0227. The report shall be in a form prescribed by the LBB.

8. Unexpended Balances.

- (a) Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2026, made to the Soil and Water Conservation Board are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (b) Any unobligated and unexpended balances in appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, made to the Soil and Water Conservation Board (estimated to be \$0) included in Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction above, are appropriated for the same purpose in the same strategy for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025.

9. **Flood Control Dam Funding.** Amounts appropriated above to the Soil and Water Conservation Board include \$2,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium in Strategy A.2.1, Flood Control Dam Maintenance, and \$15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund and an estimated \$11,649,044 in Federal Funds each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium in Strategy A.2.2, Flood Control Dam Construction, only for the purpose of providing flood control dam maintenance, operations, engineering, and construction funding for flood control dam projects.

WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 102,790,668	\$ 96,553,390
Federal Funds	\$ 50,986,568	\$ 50,986,568
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175	\$ 40,518,918	\$ 39,518,918
Rural Water Assistance Fund No. 301	2,737,500	2,691,500
Water Infrastructure Fund No. 302	21,221,500	21,221,500
Economically Distressed Areas Bond Payment Account No. 357	5,541,339	5,304,792

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Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358	6,739,636	6,483,364
Appropriated Receipts	350,000	350,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>155,000</u>	<u>155,000</u>

Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 77,263,893</u>	<u>\$ 75,725,074</u>
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<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 231,041,129</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,265,032</u></u>
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 6.6% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	544.5	544.5
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Executive Administrator, Group 7	\$219,284	\$219,284
Commissioner (Chair), Group 6	227,038	227,038
Commissioner, Group 6	(2) 227,038	(2) 227,038

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** WATER SCIENCE, CONSERVATION, & DATA  
Guide Conserv & Mgmt of State's Water Resources Using Science & Data.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INFORMATION Collection, Analysis and Reporting of Environmental Impact Information.	\$ 1,033,918	\$ 1,033,918
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> WATER RESOURCES DATA	5,848,119	5,622,234
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> AUTO INFO COLLECT., MAINT. & DISSEM Automated Information Collection, Maintenance, and Dissemination.	10,980,957	6,980,957
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & MODELING Technical Assistance and Modeling.	2,866,106	2,866,106
<b>A.2.2. Strategy:</b> INNOVATIVE WATER TECHNOLOGIES	3,666,252	3,816,252
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ASST Water Conservation Education and Assistance.	11,102,399	10,820,927
<b>A.4.1. Strategy:</b> STATE AND FEDERAL FLOOD PROGRAMS	<u>58,931,294</u>	<u>58,766,212</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> WATER SCIENCE, CONSERVATION, & DATA	\$ 94,429,045	\$ 89,906,606
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**B. Goal:** STATEWIDE WATER AND FLOOD PLANNING

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE WATER PLANNING	\$ 7,065,947	\$ 7,057,907
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATEWIDE FLOOD PLANNING	<u>26,885,521</u>	<u>27,707,394</u>

<b>Total, Goal B:</b> STATEWIDE WATER AND FLOOD PLANNING	\$ 33,951,468	\$ 34,765,301
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**C. Goal:** WATER PROJECT FINANCING

Provide Financing for the Development of Water-related Projects.

<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE & FEDERAL FIN ASSIST PROGRAM State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs.	\$ 19,659,065	\$ 19,445,778
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS Economically Distressed Areas Program.	<u>1,220,455</u>	<u>420,455</u>

<b>Total, Goal C:</b> WATER PROJECT FINANCING	\$ 20,879,520	\$ 19,866,233
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**D. Goal:** DEBT SERVICE

Fulfill All Debt Service Commitments.

<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> EDAP DEBT SERVICE General Obligation Bond Debt Service Payments for EDAP.	\$ 38,100,274	\$ 34,735,629
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> WIF DEBT SERVICE General Obligation Bond Debt Service Payments for WIF.	21,221,500	21,221,500

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<b>D.2.2. Strategy:</b> RWAf DEBT SERVICE	<u>2,737,500</u>	<u>2,691,500</u>
Interfund Debt Service Payments for RWAf.		
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> DEBT SERVICE	\$ 62,059,274	\$ 58,648,629
<b>E. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 9,112,368	\$ 9,122,221
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	9,915,616	10,262,204
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>693,838</u>	<u>693,838</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 19,721,822</u>	<u>\$ 20,078,263</u>
<b>Grand Total, WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD</b>	<u><u>\$ 231,041,129</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,265,032</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 43,389,375	\$ 43,389,375
Other Personnel Costs	660,228	660,228
Professional Fees and Services	28,874,058	26,869,888
Fuels and Lubricants	129,950	129,950
Consumable Supplies	145,292	145,292
Utilities	369,383	369,383
Travel	1,001,073	1,001,073
Rent - Building	456,494	456,494
Rent - Machine and Other	82,300	82,300
Debt Service	62,059,274	58,648,629
Other Operating Expense	8,172,017	9,100,053
Grants	78,597,555	77,056,637
Capital Expenditures	<u>7,104,130</u>	<u>5,355,730</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 231,041,129</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,265,032</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,375,159	\$ 3,405,115
Group Insurance	5,658,441	5,802,654
Social Security	2,809,974	2,834,953
Benefits Replacement	<u>6,731</u>	<u>5,473</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,850,305</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,048,195</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Water Development Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Water Development Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Water Development Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> WATER SCIENCE, CONSERVATION, & DATA		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Information Available to Adequately Monitor the State's Water Supplies	70%	70%
Percent of Eligible Texas Communities and Other Entities Receiving Technical and/or Financial Assistance for Water Conservation	11.5%	11.5%
Percent of Texas Watersheds with Refreshed Flood Maps	20%	20%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT INFORMATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Estuary and Instream Study Elements Completed	10	10
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> AUTO INFO COLLECT., MAINT. & DISSEM		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Responses to Requests for TNRI\$ Information	150,000	150,000
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & MODELING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Responses to Requests for Groundwater Resources Information	6,750	6,750



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**A.3.1. Strategy:** WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION & ASST

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Responses to Requests for Water Conservation Information, Literature, Data, Technical Assistance and Educational Activities Provided by the Texas Water Development Board Staff	1,100	1,100
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**B. Goal:** STATEWIDE WATER AND FLOOD PLANNING

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percent of Key Regional and Statewide Water Planning Activities Completed	100%	100%
Percent of Key Regional and Statewide Flood Planning Activities Completed	100%	100%

**C. Goal:** WATER PROJECT FINANCING

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percentage of Application Reviews Completed within 180 Days from Receipt to Commitment	75%	75%
Average Time in Calendar Days to Review Documents from Bid Submittal to Issuance of the Notice to Proceed	90	90
Average Time in Calendar Days to Process Financial Assistance Applications	180	180
Percentage of Outlay Reports Processed within 45 Calendar Days from Receipt to Approval	75%	80%

**C.1.1. Strategy:** STATE & FEDERAL FIN ASSIST PROGRAM

**Output (Volume):**

Dollars of New Financial Commitments – State Water Plan	600,000,000	600,000,000
Number of New Financial Commitments-State Water Plan Projects	25	25
Number of New Financial Commitments - Rural Communities	25	25
Number of Communities Having Active Financial Assistance Agreements	670	725
Dollars of New Financial Assistance Commitments for SWIFT	550,000,000	550,000,000

**C.1.2. Strategy:** ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Projects Completed-EDAP	164	164
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Acquisition of Computer Equipment	\$ 598,400	\$ 0
(2) Strategic Mapping	<u>9,000,000</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 9,598,400	\$ 5,000,000
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Shared Technology Services (DCS)	<u>\$ 4,256,194</u>	<u>\$ 4,418,462</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 13,854,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,418,462</u></u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 7,854,594	\$ 4,418,462
Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175	<u>\$ 6,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000,000</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 13,854,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,418,462</u></u>

**3. Informational Rider.**

- (a) **Estimated Outstanding Debt and Debt Service Requirements for Self-Supporting Bonds.** In addition to amounts appropriated in this Act, the following is an informational

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listing of the estimated amounts of outstanding bond debt issued by the Water Development Board as of August 31, 2025, and the estimated required debt service payments for those self-supporting bonds:

	Estimated Outstanding Debt (In Millions)	Estimated Debt Service Requirements (In Millions)
Water Development Fund II (DFund II)	\$ 732.2	\$ 130.8
State Participation Program	\$ 24.1	\$ 8.3
State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT)	\$ 8,007.1	\$ 1,052.2
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	\$ 809.2	\$ 156.7
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)	<u>\$ 568.9</u>	<u>\$ 115.5</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,141.5</b>	<b>\$ 1,463.5</b>

- (b) **Estimated Available Fund Balances.** The following is an informational listing of estimated balances for certain funds and accounts administered by the Water Development Board anticipated to be available as of August 31, 2025.

	Estimated Beginning Balance (In Millions)
Water Development Fund II (DFund II)	\$ 206.8
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)	\$ 273.9
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)	\$ 209.9
Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF)	\$ 1,014.0
Texas Water Fund (TWF)	\$ 345.4
State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)	\$ 1,624.2
State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT)	<u>\$ 167.9</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,842.1</b>

**4. Authorized Transfers and Appropriations: Water Assistance Fund.**

- (a) The Water Development Board shall transfer a combined amount not to exceed \$5,845,579 each fiscal year from General Revenue Fund appropriations in Strategy A.2.1, Technical Assistance and Modeling, and Strategy B.1.1, Statewide Water Planning, to the Water Assistance Fund No. 480, for the purposes of making grants to regional planning groups pursuant to Water Code, Section 15.4061 (\$4,164,856), and conducting studies regarding groundwater modeling (\$840,000) and brackish groundwater zone designation (\$840,723) excluding the Dockum Aquifer. The Water Development Board is authorized to transfer these funds from the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 to other accounts as authorized under Water Code, Section 15.011 as needed to support the regional planning process or the development of the state's water resources. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of these funds in the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated to the Water Development Board for the same purposes. The Board shall report to the Legislature on its progress relating to studies of aquifers and brackish groundwater not later than December 1st of each odd-numbered year.
- (b) In addition to amounts required in subsection (a) above, and notwithstanding the restrictions on transfers contained in Article IX of this Act, the Water Development Board may transfer up to \$1,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund from Strategies A.1.1, Environmental Impact Information and A.1.2, Water Resources Data to the Water Assistance Fund No. 480, each fiscal year for the purposes of research contracts related to the study and monitoring of environmental flows and surface water resources where funds would otherwise be lapsed.

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- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above, all revenues and receipts accruing to the Water Assistance Fund No. 480 during the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, are appropriated to the Water Development Board for purposes authorized in Water Code, Chapter 15.
- (d) It is the intent of the Legislature that General Revenue Fund appropriations transferred to Water Assistance Fund No. 480 as directed by subsection (a) above be reported as expenditures from the General Revenue Fund for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 for the purpose of calculating the agency's base level spending.

- 5. Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund.** Water Development Board expenditures for the state match portion of the community/non-community water system and economically disadvantaged community accounts established under the Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund may not exceed \$616,321 in fiscal year 2026 and \$616,322 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs.
- 6. Appropriation: Water Resources Fund.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any funds deposited to the credit of the Texas Water Resources Fund No. 591, including but not limited to proceeds from revenue bond sales, investment earnings, and loan repayments, are appropriated to the Water Development Board for the biennium beginning with the effective date of this Act.
- 7. Appropriation: Agricultural Water Conservation Fund.** Amounts appropriated above include \$6,739,636 in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,483,364 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy A.3.1, Water Conservation Education and Assistance, out of the Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358, for use pursuant to Article III, Section 50-d of the Texas Constitution and Water Code, Chapter 17, Subchapter J. In addition to amounts appropriated above, all amounts necessary to administer and disburse funds for loans and grants through the agricultural water conservation program are appropriated from Agricultural Water Conservation Fund No. 358 for that purpose.
- 8. Fee Appropriation: State Revolving Fund Program Operation.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the Water Development Board is appropriated any additional fee revenue collected for administration and operation of revolving fund programs for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

All fee revenue collected pursuant to the State Revolving Fund (SRF) program and additional state revolving funds may be deposited into an operating fund held in the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. All revenues, interest earnings, and available balances in the SRF or additional SRFs operating fund, including interest, may be used only for the purposes of reimbursing expenditures from appropriations made in this Act. Such reimbursement shall include both direct expenditures for salaries and other expenditures and expenditure made for benefits. In addition, the Water Development Board may transfer amounts from the operating fund to the SRF or additional SRFs for uses pursuant to the Water Code, Chapter 15, Subchapter J.
- 9. Rural Water Assistance Fund.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, the Water Development Board is appropriated for the 2026-27 biennium all unobligated and unexpended balances available in and all funds deposited to the credit of the Rural Water Assistance Fund No. 301, including but not limited to proceeds from bonds issued by the Board (estimated to be \$0 in each fiscal year).
- 10. Appropriation: Cost Recovery for the State Participation Program.** Amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Program, include an estimated \$25,000 in Appropriated Receipts in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium. Any additional revenues (estimated to be \$0) collected for the administration and operation of the State Participation Program during the biennium are appropriated for the same purposes.
- 11. Capital Budget Expenditures: Federal Funds and Appropriated Receipts Exemption.** To comply with the legislative intent to maximize the use of federal funds, to maximize the use of state funds, and to fulfill grant requirements required for the receipt and expenditure of federal funds, the Water Development Board is exempted from the Capital Budget Rider Provisions contained in Article IX, Sec. 14.03, Transfers-Capital Budget, of this Act, when Federal Funds or Appropriated Receipts are received in excess of amounts identified in the agency's Capital Budget

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Rider. The Water Development Board shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts upon receipt of such Federal Funds or Appropriated Receipts, of the amount received and items to be purchased.

- 12. Nuisance Surveys for the Economically Distressed Areas Program.** Out of amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund in Strategy C.1.2, Economically Distressed Areas, the Water Development Board shall reimburse the Texas Department of State Health Services for costs incurred by the Department in conducting nuisance surveys for applicants for financial assistance through the Economically Distressed Areas program administered by the Board. The Board shall reimburse such costs through Interagency Contracts with the Texas Department of State Health Services in an amount not to exceed a total of \$125,000 for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025.
- 13. Appropriation: Water Infrastructure Fund.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all unobligated and unexpended balances available in and all revenues and funds transferred and/or deposited to the credit of the Water Infrastructure Fund No. 302, including, but not limited to bonds issued by the Water Development Board, are appropriated to the Water Development Board for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, for the purposes specified in Water Code, Section 15.974(a).
- 14. Unexpended Balance Authority Within the Biennium.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Water Development Board are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 15. Reimbursement of Advisory Committees.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members out of funds appropriated above is limited to the following advisory committees: the Texas Environmental Flows Science Advisory Committee and the Basin and Bay Expert Science Teams.
- 16. Payment of Debt Service: Economically Distressed Areas Bonds.** All receipts deposited to the Economically Distressed Areas Bond Payment Account No. 357 are appropriated for the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued to provide financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure through the Economically Distressed Areas Program that mature or become due during the biennium beginning with the effective date of this Act, pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Sections 49-c, 49-d-7, 49-d-8, 49-d-10, and 49-d-14 and Water Code, Chapter 17, Subchapters C and L, including amounts issued prior to the effective date of this Act. The amounts identified above in the Method of Financing as the Economically Distressed Areas Bond Payment Account No. 357 are estimated amounts to be received from repayments of loan principal and interest on such bonds that mature or become due during the biennium.

The amounts appropriated above out of the General Revenue Fund include \$32,558,935 in fiscal year 2026 and \$29,430,837 in fiscal year 2027 for debt service on Economically Distressed Areas Bonds. The actual amount of funds to be paid from the General Revenue Fund shall be the total amount of debt service obligations due in each fiscal year less the amount available in the Economically Distressed Areas Bond Payment Account No. 357 for Debt Service Payments for the Economically Distressed Areas Program. These provisions shall not be construed, however, to abrogate the obligation of the State under Texas Constitution, Article III, Sections 49-c, 49-d-7, 49-d-8, 49-d-10, and 49-d-14 to provide for the payment in full of the principal and interest on such bonds that mature or become due during the biennium.
- 17. Bond Issuance Authority by Program.**
  - (a) Based on demand in the various programs under the Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds, the authority to issue bonds may be transferred between programs provided: 1) debt service for such bonds does not exceed the appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for debt service; 2) the issuance of the bonds is approved by the Bond Review Board; and 3) the Legislative Budget Board, upon receiving a request for bond issuance from the Water Development Board, does not issue a written disapproval not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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.

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- (b) Requests submitted to the Legislative Budget Board for the purpose of subsection (a) of this rider must be submitted in a timely manner and include 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.

**18. Bond Issuance and Payment of Debt Service.**

- (a) Within the amounts appropriated above, the Texas Water Development Board is authorized to issue Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds for Economically Distressed Areas Program and Water Infrastructure Fund purposes, provided: 1) debt service for such bonds does not exceed the appropriations from the General Revenue Fund for debt service; 2) the issuance of the bonds is approved by the Bond Review Board; and 3) the Legislative Budget Board, upon receiving a request for bond issuance from the Water Development Board, does not issue a written disapproval not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> business day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board 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.
- (b) Requests submitted to the Legislative Budget Board for the purpose of subsection (a) of this rider must be submitted in a timely manner and include 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.

**19. Regional Drainage and Water Assistance.** General Revenue Fund appropriations above in each fiscal year in Goal A, Water Science, Conservation, and Data, Goal B, Statewide Water and Flood Planning, Goal C, Water Project Financing, and Goal D, Debt Service, and any unobligated and unexpended balances from appropriations from the General Revenue Fund in the strategies in those goals may be used by the Water Development Board to provide grant funding to the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 to implement a flood control project authorized and designated by the US Army Corps of Engineers (Raymondville Drain). The aggregate amount of funding to be provided for this purpose from all strategies shall not exceed \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

**20. Flood Funding.**

- (a) **Appropriations: Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund.** Included in amounts appropriated above from the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175 (TIRF) in the Floodplain Management sub-account is \$40,518,918 in fiscal year 2026 and \$39,518,918 in fiscal year 2027 for flood-related activities pursuant to Water Code, Section 16.453. Included in total appropriations from TIRF is \$3,050,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium in insurance maintenance taxes collected under Insurance Code, Section 251.004 in the Floodplain Management sub-account. Any unobligated and unexpended balances in the Floodplain Management sub-account as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes.
- (b) **Informational Listing: Flood Funding By Strategies.** Amounts appropriated above in strategies: A.1.3, Automated Information Collection, Maintenance, and Dissemination, A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs, B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning, and C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, E.1.1, Central Administration, E.1.2, Information Resources, and E.1.3, Other Support Services include funding budgeted for flood-related purposes.

Agency Bill Pattern Appropriations	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<u>General Revenue</u>		
A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs	\$ 4,782,884	\$ 4,647,947
B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning	\$ 5,787,400	\$ 6,609,273
Subtotal	\$ 10,570,284	\$ 11,257,220
<u>Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175</u>		
A.1.3, Automated Information Collection, Maintenance, and Dissemination	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs	\$ 13,741,567	\$ 13,741,567
B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning	\$ 20,500,000	\$ 20,500,000

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E.1.1, Central Administration	\$ 32,692	\$ 32,692
E.1.2, Information Resources	<u>\$ 244,659</u>	<u>\$ 244,659</u>
Subtotal	\$ 40,518,918	\$ 39,518,918

Federal Funds

A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs	\$ 39,262,843	\$ 39,232,698
B.1.2, Statewide Flood Planning	\$ 598,121	\$ 598,121
E.1.1, Central Administration	\$ 221,840	\$ 221,840
E.1.2, Information Resources	\$ 107,249	\$ 107,249
E.1.3, Other Support Services	<u>\$ 29,669</u>	<u>\$ 29,669</u>
Subtotal	\$ 40,219,722	\$ 40,189,577

Appropriated Receipts

A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>
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All Funds Total	\$ 91,488,504	\$ 90,145,565
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**21. Unexpended Balances: Strategic Mapping Account.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances in the Strategic Mapping Account No. 5180, as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes.

**22. Reporting Requirements.**

- (a) **Monthly Reporting.** The Water Development Board shall submit a report in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board no later than 30 calendar days after the end of each month. The report shall contain data and explanations of net activity of agency funds and any additional information requested by the staff of the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) **Quarterly Reporting.** The Water Development Board shall submit a report in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, no later than sixty calendar days after the end of each fiscal quarter of the 2026-27 biennium, containing the following information:
  - (1) information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected funds, by strategy and method of finance;
  - (2) information detailing amounts and explanations for transfers between strategies and funds;
  - (3) information on appropriated, budgeted, expended, and projected Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions by strategy and method of finance;
  - (4) narrative explanations of significant budget adjustments, ongoing budget issues, and other items as appropriate; and
  - (5) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board
- (c) **Semi-Annual Reporting.** The Water Development Board shall submit a report in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, by June and December of each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, containing the following information:
  - (1) An analysis of fund expenditures with encumbrances and obligations to date including, but not limited to, the following funds: the Texas Infrastructure Resiliency Fund No. 175; the Flood Infrastructure Fund No. 194; the Water Assistance Fund No. 480; the Texas Water Fund No. 484; and the New Water Supply for Texas Fund No. 485;
  - (2) In addition to reporting elements described in Subsection (c)(1) above, the December semi-annual report shall include a section capturing the cumulative information covered in Subsections (b) above reported in the prior fiscal year; and
  - (3) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) **Annual Reporting.** The Water Development Board shall submit a report in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, by December of each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium, containing the following information;

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- (1) Information from the prior fiscal year describing and identifying agency administered funds; identifying the activity or inactivity of the funds; detailing cash balances, revenues, and expenditures of the funds; detailing and explaining any outstanding encumbrances or obligations of the funds; and the number and amount for commitments made in addition to the number and amount of commitments outstanding of the funds, as applicable;
- (2) Narrative explanations of significant activities related to revenues, expenditures, or overall fund balances of specific funds;
- (3) Information by method of finance detailing how appropriations for Economically Distressed Areas Program bond issuances and debt service payments were expended in the prior fiscal year;
- (4) A listing of applications managed by the Water Development Board with descriptions of the applications and the associated resources allocated to manage them; and
- (5) Any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

### 23. Texas Water Fund: Transfer Reporting.

- (a) Pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-d-16, money transferred from the Texas Water Fund (TWF) to a receiving fund or account may be spent without further appropriation. The Water Development Board shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and provide documentation when a resolution to make an authorized transfer from the TWF is adopted and subsequent project applications have been approved. The Notice shall specify the receiving fund listed in Water Code, Section 15.502(b) and provided below, and use of funds pursuant to Water Code, Section 15.504. The Water Development Board shall maintain a record of TWF monies transferred into receiving funds and their use apart from other balances of the receiving fund for two years after the date of the transfer.

Water Assistance Fund No. 480

New Water Supply for Texas Fund No. 485

State Water Implementation Fund for Texas No. 361

State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas No. 362

Clean Water State Revolving Fund No. 651 (outside the Treasury)

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund No. 951 (outside the Treasury)

Rural Water Assistance Fund No. 301

General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Water Public Awareness Account No. 5200

Texas Water Development Fund - Financial Assistance Account

Texas Water Development Fund II - State Participation Account

- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that amounts transferred from the TWF to the following funds and accounts within the Treasury in (a) above be reported in the Operating Budget and Legislative Appropriations Request:

Water Assistance Fund No. 480

New Water Supply for Texas Fund No. 485

Rural Water Assistance Fund No. 301

General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Water Public Awareness Account No. 5200

### 24. Appropriation: Additional Revenues.

- (a) Pursuant to the Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-d-16, any monies transferred from the Texas Water Fund to a receiving fund or account listed below may be spent without further appropriation:

General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Water Public Awareness Account No. 5200

New Water Supply for Texas Fund No. 485

- (b) In addition to the amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board, all revenues deposited to the fund or transferred to an account listed in Subsection (a) from gifts, grants, donations, deposition, interest, and any investment returns on money in General Revenue-Dedicated Statewide Water Public Awareness Account No. 5200 (estimated to be \$0) or

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New Water Supply for Texas Fund No. 485 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Water Development Board in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs.

- 25. Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program (WUTAP).** Amounts appropriated above to the Water Development Board include \$1,500,000 in General Revenue Funds in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, for the purpose of providing technical assistance to entities as required in Water Code, Sections 16.0121(k) and (l).
- 26. Economically Distressed Areas Program (EDAP) Needs Assessment Study.** Included in amounts appropriated above to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) out of the General Revenue Fund is \$800,000 in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.2, Economically Distressed Areas Program, that may not be transferred to another purpose and shall be used only for the purposes of conducting an EDAP needs assessment study to evaluate the effectiveness and future needs of the EDAP. TWDB may contract with an entity as necessary to complete and fulfill the purposes of the study. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes. TWDB shall provide a report regarding the results of the study to the Legislative Budget Board no later than November 1, 2026.
- 27. Water Well and Wastewater Treatment Facility.** Included in amounts appropriated above is \$1,400,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026, in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of completion of a wastewater treatment facility and water well for the City of Columbus. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 28. Statewide Floodplain and Grant Management System.** Amounts appropriated above include \$994,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year in Strategy A.4.1, State and Federal Flood Programs, for the purpose of implementing and maintaining a statewide floodplain management and grant management system. The funding shall be used to support:
- (a) Floodplain Management and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) workflows for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to support local communities;
  - (b) Statewide grant management for the TWDB Flood Mitigation Assistance grant-making process;
  - (c) A public-facing portal to facilitate local government and resident engagement on flood risk mitigation;
  - (d) Inclusion of geospatial mapping and flood damage assessment tools; and
  - (e) Monitoring and assessment of sensitive datasets with advanced user permissions and activity logging.

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

- 29. Study on North American Development Bank (NADB) Collaboration.** Amounts appropriated above include \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 in Strategy C.1.1, State and Federal Financial Assistance Programs, that shall be used for the purpose of the Water Development Board (TWDB) conducting a study that assesses the current and potential future collaboration between TWDB and the North American Development Bank (NADB). The study shall include recommendations on how future collaboration can expand the efficiencies and resources of TWDB. TWDB may contract with an entity as necessary to complete and fulfill the purposes of the study. A report regarding the findings of the review shall be prepared and submitted by TWDB to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Water Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than December 1, 2026. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purposes.



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- 30. Recycled Municipal Wastewater for Aggregate Production Operations.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) conduct and publish a study of the technical and economic feasibility of the use of recycled municipal wastewater and dry plant operations by aggregate production operations currently using Edwards and Trinity groundwater wells that includes:
- (a) The groundwater savings that would result from aggregate production operations (APOs) switching from groundwater to recycled wastewater for their mining, processing, and dust suppression needs;
  - (b) The water savings that would result in APOs switching from wet processing to dry processing of their products;
  - (c) The cost, to the public and to the APOs, of using recycled municipal wastewater, as compared to the cost of groundwater withdraws for operators;
  - (d) The impact of recycled wastewater on APO machinery and production;
  - (e) The feasibility of connecting APOs to recycled wastewater supply sources in the most beneficial places, where APO activity and municipal wastewater production are high; and
  - (f) Potential funding strategies for building the infrastructure to connect APOs to municipal wastewater facilities.

**RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 58,145,688	\$ 62,704,767
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 112,213,354	\$ 121,073,105
Federal Funds	\$ 33,215,107	\$ 35,777,224
Other Special State Funds	\$ 9,838,794	\$ 10,409,666
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 213,412,943</u>	<u>\$ 229,964,762</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 65,838,709	\$ 66,446,339
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>147,574,234</u>	<u>163,518,423</u>
Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 213,412,943</u>	<u>\$ 229,964,762</u>
<b>Grand Total, RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>\$ 213,412,943</u>	<u>\$ 229,964,762</u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 13,666,615	\$ 13,802,109
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 28,622,658	\$ 28,875,202
Federal Funds	\$ 8,404,723	\$ 8,447,932

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**  
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Other Special State Funds	\$ 3,029,156	\$ 3,053,651
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 53,723,152</u>	<u>\$ 54,178,894</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT		
Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	\$ 53,518,915	\$ 54,012,849
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>204,237</u>	<u>166,045</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 53,723,152</u>	<u>\$ 54,178,894</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>\$ 53,723,152</u>	<u>\$ 54,178,894</u>

**BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 8,770,385	\$ 8,410,103
Texas Agricultural Fund No. 683	<u>\$ 1,065,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,361,775</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 9,835,569</u>	<u>\$ 9,771,878</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.	\$ 9,835,569	\$ 9,771,878 & UB
<b>Grand Total,</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 9,835,569</u>	<u>\$ 9,771,878</u>

**LEASE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 133,516	\$ 143,566
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 133,516</u>	<u>\$ 143,566</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS To TFC for Payment to TPFA.	\$ 133,516	\$ 143,566 & UB
<b>Grand Total,</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 133,516</u>	<u>\$ 143,566</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VI  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Agriculture	\$ 81,529,513	\$ 79,527,887
Animal Health Commission	20,574,552	20,137,752
Commission on Environmental Quality	22,607,465	21,114,567
General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board	36,753,924	15,378,862
Parks and Wildlife Department	334,290,146	303,807,236
Railroad Commission	98,116,190	97,977,291
Soil and Water Conservation Board	45,606,025	45,561,025
Water Development Board	<u>102,790,668</u>	<u>96,553,390</u>
Subtotal, Natural Resources	\$ 742,268,483	\$ 680,058,010
Retirement and Group Insurance	58,145,688	62,704,767
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>13,666,615</u>	<u>13,802,109</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 71,812,303	\$ 76,506,876
Bond Debt Service Payments	8,770,385	8,410,103
Lease Payments	<u>133,516</u>	<u>143,566</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 8,903,901</u>	<u>\$ 8,553,669</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES	<u><u>\$ 822,984,687</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 765,118,555</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VI**  
**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**(General Revenue-Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Department of Agriculture	\$ 2,629,621	\$ 2,629,621
Commission on Environmental Quality	316,779,086	304,433,224
General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board	51,063,589	51,074,639
Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact		
Commission	493,227	493,227
Parks and Wildlife Department	155,887,753	151,446,753
Railroad Commission	<u>80,210,588</u>	<u>73,610,588</u>
Subtotal, Natural Resources	\$ 607,063,864	\$ 583,688,052
Retirement and Group Insurance	112,213,354	121,073,105
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>28,622,658</u>	<u>28,875,202</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 140,836,012</u>	<u>\$ 149,948,307</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES	<u><u>\$ 747,899,876</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 733,636,359</u></u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VI  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Department of Agriculture	\$ 813,534,248	\$ 818,208,670
Animal Health Commission	1,766,722	1,766,722
Commission on Environmental Quality	94,587,817	86,896,862
General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board	748,332,191	770,362,307
Parks and Wildlife Department	64,488,438	64,488,438
Railroad Commission	54,314,292	54,314,292
Soil and Water Conservation Board	36,644,312	36,644,312
Water Development Board	<u>50,986,568</u>	<u>50,986,568</u>
Subtotal, Natural Resources	\$ 1,864,654,588	\$ 1,883,668,171
Retirement and Group Insurance	33,215,107	35,777,224
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>8,404,723</u>	<u>8,447,932</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 41,619,830</u>	<u>\$ 44,225,156</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>\$ 1,906,274,418</u>	<u>\$ 1,927,893,327</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VI  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
(Other Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Agriculture	\$ 10,303,368	\$ 10,293,367
Commission on Environmental Quality	25,154,948	15,563,624
General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board	443,318,159	318,273,761
Parks and Wildlife Department	4,914,858	4,914,858
Railroad Commission	2,162,000	2,162,000
Soil and Water Conservation Board	5,500	5,500
Water Development Board	<u>77,263,893</u>	<u>75,725,074</u>
Subtotal, Natural Resources	\$ 563,122,726	\$ 426,938,184
Retirement and Group Insurance	9,838,794	10,409,666
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>3,029,156</u>	<u>3,053,651</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 12,867,950	\$ 13,463,317
Bond Debt Service Payments	<u>1,065,184</u>	<u>1,361,775</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 1,065,184	\$ 1,361,775
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 15,128,537</u>	<u>\$ 15,128,536</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>\$ 561,927,323</u>	<u>\$ 426,634,740</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VI  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Agriculture	\$ 907,996,750	\$ 910,659,545
Animal Health Commission	22,341,274	21,904,474
Commission on Environmental Quality	459,129,316	428,008,277
General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board	1,279,467,863	1,155,089,569
Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission	493,227	493,227
Parks and Wildlife Department	559,581,195	524,657,285
Railroad Commission	234,803,070	228,064,171
Soil and Water Conservation Board	82,255,837	82,210,837
Water Development Board	<u>231,041,129</u>	<u>223,265,032</u>
Subtotal, Natural Resources	\$ 3,777,109,661	\$ 3,574,352,417
Retirement and Group Insurance	213,412,943	229,964,762
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>53,723,152</u>	<u>54,178,894</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 267,136,095	\$ 284,143,656
Bond Debt Service Payments	9,835,569	9,771,878
Lease Payments	<u>133,516</u>	<u>143,566</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 9,969,085	\$ 9,915,444
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 15,128,537</u>	<u>\$ 15,128,536</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VI - NATURAL RESOURCES	<u>\$ 4,039,086,304</u>	<u>\$ 3,853,282,981</u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	9,954.2	9,960.2





ARTICLE VII

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated business and economic development agencies.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 14,905,210	\$ 14,278,967
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Community Affairs Federal Fund No. 127	\$ 379,411,866	\$ 326,619,001
Coronavirus Relief Fund	53,564,747	43,719,924
Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Fund Account No. 369	9,000,000	9,000,000
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 441,976,613	\$ 379,338,925
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 30,658,377	\$ 29,450,006
Interagency Contracts	221,921	221,921
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 30,880,298	\$ 29,671,927
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 487,762,121</u>	<u>\$ 423,289,819</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,358,468	\$ 1,369,941
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 31% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	393.0	389.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 6	\$216,351	\$216,351
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>		
Increase Availability of Safe/Decent/Affordable Housing.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MRB PROGRAM - SINGLE FAMILY Mortgage Loans & MCCs through the SF MRB Program.	\$ 2,638,243	\$ 2,662,219
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> HOME PROGRAM Provide Funding through the HOME Program for Affordable Housing.	117,020,888	106,801,285
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BOOTSTRAP - HTF Provide Loans through the Texas Bootstrap Program (TBP) - HTF.	3,300,480	3,300,480
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> AMY YOUNG - HTF Provide Funding through the Amy Young Barrier Removal (AYBR) - HTF.	1,727,974	1,729,741
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> SECTION 8 RENTAL ASSISTANCE Federal Rental Assistance through Section 8 Vouchers.	23,701,051	23,701,051
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> SECTION 811 PRA Assistance Through Federal Sec 811 Project Rental Assistance Program.	4,370,423	3,569,886

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<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> FEDERAL TAX CREDITS Provide Federal Tax Credits to Develop Rental Housing for VLI and LI.	4,752,139	3,688,581
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> MRB PROGRAM - MULTIFAMILY Federal Mortgage Loans through the MF Mortgage Revenue Bond Program.	1,014,447	812,572
<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	2,476,082	1,000,000
<b>A.1.10. Strategy:</b> HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND	<u>1,038,228</u>	<u>298,038</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$ 162,039,955	\$ 147,563,853
<b>B. Goal:</b> INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE Provide Information and Assistance.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER	\$ 1,035,346	\$ 1,046,546
<b>C. Goal:</b> POOR AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS Improve Poor/Homeless Living Conditions & Reduce VLI Energy Costs.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> POVERTY-RELATED FUNDS Administer Funding to Address Homelessness.	\$ 43,938,036	\$ 36,304,301
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESSNESS Administer Funding to Address Homelessness.	16,072,423	15,872,423
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS Administer State Energy Assistance Programs.	239,297,855	197,023,989
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> COLONIA INITIATIVES	<u>356,991</u>	<u>361,470</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> POOR AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS	\$ 299,665,305	\$ 249,562,183
<b>D. Goal:</b> ENSURE COMPLIANCE Ensure Compliance with Program Mandates.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> MONITOR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS Monitor and Inspect for Federal & State Housing Program Requirements.	\$ 4,760,750	\$ 4,810,428
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> MONITOR CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS Monitor Subrecipient Contracts.	<u>1,257,983</u>	<u>1,268,639</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> ENSURE COMPLIANCE	\$ 6,018,733	\$ 6,079,067
<b>E. Goal:</b> MANUFACTURED HOUSING Regulate Manufactured Housing Industry.		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> TITLING & LICENSING Provide Statements of Ownership and Licenses in a Timely Manner.	\$ 2,603,509	\$ 2,603,510
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INSPECTIONS Conduct Inspections of Manufactured Homes in a Timely Manner.	2,452,730	2,453,390
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT Process Complaints/Conduct Investigations/Take Administrative Actions.	2,308,035	2,308,034
<b>E.1.4. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV Texas.gov fees. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>19,120</u>	<u>19,120</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$ 7,383,394	\$ 7,384,054
<b>F. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMIN AND SUPPORT COSTS Indirect Administration and Support Costs.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,878,470	\$ 7,903,113
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIES	3,161,395	3,164,008
<b>F.1.3. Strategy:</b> OPERATING/SUPPORT Operations and Support Services.	<u>579,523</u>	<u>586,995</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> INDIRECT ADMIN AND SUPPORT COSTS	\$ <u>11,619,388</u>	\$ <u>11,654,116</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS</b>	<u>\$ 487,762,121</u>	<u>\$ 423,289,819</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 34,757,764	\$ 34,424,328
Other Personnel Costs	679,536	648,328
Professional Fees and Services	7,286,711	4,705,192

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Consumable Supplies	107,698	107,579
Utilities	76,672	76,109
Travel	1,197,275	1,193,462
Rent - Building	18,675	18,675
Rent - Machine and Other	76,602	69,717
Other Operating Expense	7,534,735	6,342,092
Client Services	25,070,473	24,157,138
Grants	410,809,726	351,239,046
Capital Expenditures	<u>146,254</u>	<u>308,153</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 487,762,121</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 423,289,819</u></b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

## Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$ 2,815,009	\$ 2,840,758
Group Insurance	4,955,136	5,085,912
Social Security	2,437,633	2,459,955
Benefits Replacement	<u>10,254</u>	<u>8,336</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 10,218,032	\$ 10,394,961

## Debt Service

Lease Payments	\$ 561,853	\$ 604,147
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**Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act**

\$	10,779,885	\$	10,999,108
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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Households/Individuals of Very Low, Low, and Moderate Income Needing Affordable Housing That Subsequently Receive Housing or Housing-related Assistance	0.76%	0.76%
Percent of Households/Individuals of Very Low Income Needing Affordable Housing That Subsequently Receive Housing or Housing-related Assistance	1.02%	1.02%
Percent of Households/Individuals of Low Income Needing Affordable Housing That Subsequently Receive Housing or Housing-related Assistance	0.47%	0.47%
Percent of Households/Individuals of Moderate Income Needing Affordable Housing That Subsequently Receive Housing or Housing-related Assistance	0.39%	0.39%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MRB PROGRAM - SINGLE FAMILY Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Households Assisted through Bond Authority or Other Mortgage Financing	7,750	7,750
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: HOME PROGRAM Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Households Assisted with Single Family HOME Funds	1,435	1,435
<b>A.1.7. Strategy: FEDERAL TAX CREDITS Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Units Funded through the Housing Tax Credit Program	15,881	12,578
<b>A.1.8. Strategy: MRB PROGRAM - MULTIFAMILY Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Restricted Units Funded through the Multifamily Mortgage Revenue Bond Program	1,382	1,607
<b>B. Goal: INFORMATION &amp; ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Information and Technical Assistance Requests Completed	7,750	7,750

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<b>C. Goal: POOR AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent Eligible Population That Received Homeless and Poverty-Related Assistance	3.5%	3.5%
Percent of Very Low Income Households Receiving Energy Assistance	2.8%	2.8%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: POVERTY-RELATED FUNDS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Persons Assisted That Achieve Incomes above Poverty Level	650	650
Number of Persons Assisted by the Community Services Block Grant Program	330,000	330,000
<b>C.2.1. Strategy: ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Households Assisted through the Comprehensive Utility Assistance Program	150,000	150,000
Number of Dwelling Units Weatherized by the Department	2,000	2,000
<b>C.3.1. Strategy: COLONIA INITIATIVES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Colonia Residents Receiving Direct Assistance from Self-help Centers	1,280	1,280
<b>D. Goal: ENSURE COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: MONITOR HOUSING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of File Reviews Conducted	727	779
<b>D.1.2. Strategy: MONITOR CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Monitoring Reviews of All Non-formula Contracts	150	150
<b>E. Goal: MANUFACTURED HOUSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Consumer Complaint Inspections Conducted within 30 Days of Request	100%	100%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	20%	20%
<b>E.1.1. Strategy: TITLING &amp; LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Manufactured Housing Statements of Ownership Issued	58,000	58,000
<b>E.1.2. Strategy: INSPECTIONS</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Installation Reports Received	18,000	18,000
<b>E.1.3. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved	650	650
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	180	180
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	675	675

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Multifamily Real Estate Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application	\$ 3,241,019	\$ 641,019
(2) Access Database Consolidation FY26-27	865,320	865,320
(3) Information Resources Normal Growth FY26-27	389,000	515,000
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 4,495,339	\$ 2,021,339
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) DIR Shared Technology Services Disaster Recovery, Backup as a Service, and Office 365	\$ 365,377	\$ 376,229

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c. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) CAPPS/PeopleSoft Financials Annual Maintenance	\$ 431,600	\$ 431,600
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 5,292,316	\$ 2,829,168
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
Community Affairs Federal Fund No. 127	\$ 2,161,715	\$ 908,178
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 3,130,601	\$ 1,920,990
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 5,292,316	\$ 2,829,168

- 3. Low/Moderate Income Housing Construction.** Out of the funds appropriated above, no less than \$500,000 each year of the biennium shall be expended on low/moderate income housing construction in Texas enterprise zone areas.
- 4. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the strategy items in Goal E, Manufactured Housing, pursuant to Occupations Code, Chapter 1201, Manufactured Housing Standards Act, shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in strategy items in Goal E, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with the regulation of the manufactured housing industry. Direct costs for the operation of the strategy items in Goal E, Manufactured Housing, are estimated to be \$7,383,394 in fiscal year 2026 and \$7,384,054 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$1,358,468 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,369,941 for fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 5. Housing Assistance.** To the extent allowed by state and federal program guidelines the department shall adopt an annual goal to apply no less than \$30,000,000 of the funds available from the Housing Trust Fund, HOME Program, Section 8 Program, and Housing Tax-Credit Program and any other state or federal housing programs toward housing assistance for individuals and families earning less than 30 percent of the Area Median Family Income (AMFI). No less than 20 percent of the funds available from the Housing Trust Fund, HOME Program, Section 8 Program, and Housing Tax-Credit Program and any other state or federal housing programs shall be spent for individuals and families earning between 31 percent and 60 percent of the area median family income. To the extent allowed by state and federal program guidelines in those counties where the area median family income is lower than the state average median family income, the department shall use the average state median income in interpreting this rider. The department shall provide an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board documenting its expenditures in each income category.
- 6. Conversions of Executory Contracts.**
- a. Out of the funds appropriated above, the department may use funding for the purposes of contract for deed conversions for families that reside in a colonia and earn 60 percent or less of the applicable area median family income.
  - b. The department shall submit a plan to the Legislative Budget Board by the first day of each fiscal year that identifies the source of funding and the estimated amount of funding to be spent on contract for deed conversions and other activities for families that reside in a colonia and earn 60 percent or less of the applicable area median family income.
  - c. The department shall provide a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board detailing the number of, and cost for each, contract for deed conversions completed.
- 7. Colonia Set-Aside Program Allocation.** The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) shall allocate 2.5 percent of the yearly allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

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monies to support the operation of the Colonia Self-Help Centers and shall transfer such funds to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs on September 1 each year of the biennium.

Consistent with federal rules and regulations, the funds provided from TDA to the Colonia Self-Help Center in El Paso County shall be used to provide technology and computer access to residents of targeted colonias.

**8. Housing Trust Fund Interest Earnings and Loan Repayments.** Interest earnings and loan repayments received from loans made through the Housing Trust Fund program from the General Revenue Fund are included above in Strategies A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap Program-HTF and A.1.4, Amy Young Barrier Removal-HTF, estimated to be \$2,800,000 each year.

**9. Housing Trust Fund Deposits to the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company.**

- a. Out of funds appropriated above in Strategies A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap Program-HTF, and A.1.4, Amy Young Barrier Removal-HTF, and subject to prior notice to the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller, all funds above those retained for administrative purposes in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 shall be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund in the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company established under Government Code, Chapter 2306, during September of each fiscal year. The amounts to be transferred in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 include an estimated \$2,800,000 in each fiscal year from interest earnings and loan repayments received, identified above in Rider 8, Housing Trust Fund Interest Earnings and Loan Repayments.
- b. Interest earnings and loan repayments received from loans made through the Housing Trust Fund program from the General Revenue Fund, shall be deposited in the Housing Trust Fund in the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company established under Government Code, Chapter 2306, for the same purpose.
- c. The Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall provide a biennial report to the Legislative Budget Board, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee no later than October 1, 2025, detailing the agency's plan to expend funds from the Housing Trust Fund during the current biennium.
- d. At the end of each fiscal year, any unexpended administrative balances appropriated under Strategies A.1.3, Texas Bootstrap Program-HTF, and A.1.4, Amy Young Barrier Removal-HTF, shall be transferred to the Housing Trust Fund in the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company established under Government Code, Chapter 2306.

**10. Mortgage Revenue Bond Program.** The Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall operate the First-Time Homebuyer Mortgage Revenue Bond Program in a manner that maximizes the creation of very low-income single family housing by ensuring that at least 30 percent of the lendable bond proceeds are set aside for a period of one year for individuals and families at 80 percent and below the area median family income (AMFI), while assuring the highest reasonable bond rating. In an effort to facilitate the origination of single family mortgage loans to individuals and families at 80 percent and below the AMFI, the department shall utilize down payment and closing cost assistance or other assistance methods.

**11. Additional Appropriated Receipts.**

- a. Except during an emergency as defined by the Governor, no appropriation of appropriated receipts in addition to the estimated amounts above may be expended by the Department of Housing and Community Affairs until:
  - (1) the department's governing board files a finding of fact along with a written plan outlining the source, use, and projected impact of the funds on performance measures with the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor and indicating that additional appropriations are required to maintain adequate levels of program performance; and,
  - (2) the 30th business day after completion of a review by Legislative Budget Board staff and forwarding of a recommendation to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor there is no notification of disapproval issued to the Comptroller

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and the agency by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall release the funds. Any requests for additional information made by the Legislative Budget Board shall interrupt the counting of the 30 business days.

- b. This provision does not apply to appropriated receipts included in the amounts appropriated above that are collected under Object Code 3573, associated with fees collected under Rider 15, Migrant Labor Housing Fund, or Object Codes 3719 and 3802, as appropriated receipts collected under these revenue object codes are governed under provisions found in Article IX, Part 13 and Article IX, Section 12.02.

- 12. Manufactured Homeowner Consumer Claims.** Included above in Goal E, Manufactured Housing, the Manufactured Housing Division of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs is appropriated an amount required for the purpose of paying manufactured housing consumer claims from Appropriated Receipts according to the Occupations Code Chapter 1201, Manufactured Housing Standards Act, from Statement of Ownership issuance fees involving manufactured housing that are collected during the 2026-27 biennium. No amount from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated for the payment of these claims.
- 13. Reporting on Weatherization Efforts.** As part of its efforts to help low-income Texans eligible for weatherization to conserve energy and lower bills, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) shall use funds appropriated above to coordinate with investor-owned utilities, from which TDHCA receives funds, and that offer energy efficiency programs for Texans meeting low-income eligibility criteria to make sure the monies available for low-income energy efficiency programs spent both through the agency and through utility programs are effectively and adequately spent. The TDHCA shall use funds appropriated above to produce an annual report with information about the number of low-income households benefiting from energy efficiency monies through state, federal and utility-funded programs, the total amount of federal, utility and state funds expended on the programs, the average amount spent per unit weatherized in each program, as well as the peak electricity demand reduction, the amount overall electric energy saved, the amount of money saved and the number of job and job years created. A copy of the annual report shall be delivered to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker, and Governor, as well as made available on TDHCA's website by March 15th of 2026 and March 15th of 2027.
- 14. Migrant Labor Housing Funding.** Included in Strategy D.1.1, Monitor Housing Requirements, is an estimated \$110,000 in each fiscal year in Appropriated Receipts collected as licensing and inspection fees of the migrant labor housing program, appropriated to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the purpose of inspections and enforcement of the migrant labor housing program, pursuant to Chapter 2306, Subchapter LL, Government Code.
- 15. Funding to Address Youth Homelessness.** From funds appropriated in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, the Department of Housing and Community Affairs shall designate \$1,500,000 in each fiscal year for the purpose of assisting regional urban areas having a population of 285,500 or more, in providing services to unaccompanied homeless youth and homeless young adults 24 years of age and younger. Eligible services may include case management, emergency shelter, street outreach, and transitional living. The agency shall distribute these funds through the Homeless Housing and Services Program.
- 16. Unexpended Balances: Manufactured Housing.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for Strategies E.1.1, Titling and Licensing, E.1.2, Inspections, and E.1.3, Enforcement, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 17. Feasibility Study to Address Homelessness.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 is provided to conduct a study on the feasibility of certain models to address homelessness. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose. The study shall consider partnerships with institutions of higher education, private entities, and local governments; the use of small dwelling units, as defined by the agency; and community development services and plans provided through programs at institutions of higher education. Not later than December 31, 2026, the agency shall prepare and submit to the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and the

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Legislative Budget Board a written report that includes a summary of the results of the study conducted and any recommendations for legislative or other action based on the results of the study.

**18. Local Rental Assistance Pilot Program.** The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) shall:

- 1. Conduct a needs assessment for rental assistance programs addressing high-need underserved populations at risk of homelessness and shall partner in this assessment with local nonprofit entities providing rental assistance programs supporting Texans experiencing housing insecurity in underserved areas.
- 2. Partner with local nonprofit entities on a direct rent assistance program targeted to persons at risk of homelessness. Appropriations above include \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy A.1.2, HOME Program, in fiscal year 2026 for a partnership identified in this provision serving communities in Dallas County and Denton County.

To the extent allowed by federal and state law, TDHCA shall use any available appropriations to collaborate with community nonprofit entities statewide providing housing, nutrition, workforce development, and financial education to individuals, families and seniors living with poverty. TDHCA shall coordinate as necessary with the Texas Workforce Commission, the Texas Department of Agriculture, and other relevant state entities to support such local community initiatives. TDHCA shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Office of the Governor, the members of the House Appropriations Committee, and the members of the Senate Finance Committee no later than October 1st of each fiscal year on their efforts to support such local community initiatives.

**19. Transitional Housing Program Funding.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.2, Programs for Homelessness, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund in each fiscal year is for the purpose of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate a transitional housing program that addresses the needs of homeless veterans in four areas of the state through the collaboration of the agency with peer-to-peer veteran support groups that offer interim housing, physical and mental health services, literacy training, job training, family counseling, credit counseling, education services, and services designed to prevent homelessness.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,599,745	\$ 2,599,745
GR Dedicated - Lottery Account No. 5025	\$ 320,169,649	\$ 342,263,911
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 322,769,394</u>	<u>\$ 344,863,656</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,177,574	\$ 1,148,714
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	330.5	330.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 7	\$225,584	\$225,584
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: OPERATE LOTTERY</b>		
Run Self-supporting, Revenue-producing, and Secure Lottery.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LOTTERY OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 4,803,833	\$ 4,919,603
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: LOTTERY FIELD OPERATIONS</b>	4,101,522	4,049,695
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT</b>	6,631,338	6,253,826
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: SECURITY</b>	5,924,505	5,883,953



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<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	15,675,593	16,257,073
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> LOTTERY OPERATOR CONTRACT(S) Lottery Operator Contract(s). Estimated and Nontransferable.	156,763,421	154,680,752
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> SCRATCH TICKET PRODUCT. CONTRACT(S) Scratch Ticket Production and Services Contract(s).	72,589,133	97,062,279
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> PROMOTE LOTTERY GAMES CONTRACT(S)	10,000,000	10,000,000
<b>A.1.9. Strategy:</b> DRAWING & BROADCAST CONTRACT(S) Drawing and Broadcast Services Contract(s).	2,260,725	2,260,725
<b>A.1.10. Strategy:</b> RETAILER BONUS	2,010,000	2,010,000
<b>A.1.11. Strategy:</b> RETAILER COMMISSIONS Retailer Commissions. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>39,409,579</u>	<u>38,886,005</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> OPERATE LOTTERY	\$ 320,169,649	\$ 342,263,911
<b>B. Goal:</b> ENFORCE BINGO LAWS Enforce Bingo Laws/Rules for Fairness to Ensure Proceeds Used Lawfully.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> BINGO LICENSING Determine Eligibility and Process Applications.	\$ 680,646	\$ 680,646
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> BINGO EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT Provide Education and Training for Bingo Regulatory Requirements.	114,928	114,928
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> BINGO LAW COMPLIANCE FIELD OPER Bingo Law Compliance Field Operations.	1,505,979	1,505,979
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> BINGO PRIZE FEE COLLECTION & ACCT Bingo Prize Fee Collections and Accounting.	<u>298,192</u>	<u>298,192</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> ENFORCE BINGO LAWS	<u>\$ 2,599,745</u>	<u>\$ 2,599,745</u>
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION</b>	<u><u>\$ 322,769,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 344,863,656</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 26,780,109	\$ 27,310,061
Other Personnel Costs	438,100	428,480
Professional Fees and Services	6,281,047	6,118,428
Fuels and Lubricants	4,400	4,400
Consumable Supplies	94,720	107,395
Utilities	218,099	243,542
Travel	446,869	419,170
Rent - Building	2,511,837	2,446,416
Rent - Machine and Other	754,978	755,866
Other Operating Expense	285,109,426	306,859,707
Capital Expenditures	<u>129,809</u>	<u>170,191</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 322,769,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 344,863,656</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,272,999	\$ 2,292,719
Group Insurance	4,434,583	4,552,569
Social Security	1,956,754	1,973,809
Benefits Replacement	<u>7,466</u>	<u>6,070</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 8,671,802	\$ 8,825,167
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 4,108,365</u>	<u>\$ 4,417,630</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,780,167</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,242,797</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Lottery Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

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intended mission of the Texas Lottery Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Lottery Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: OPERATE LOTTERY</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Retailers Satisfied with Lottery Commission	89%	89%
State Revenue Received Per Dollar Expended on Lottery Games Promotion	197.95	198.28
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LOTTERY OPERATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Retailer Business Locations Licensed	22,130	22,480
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Survey Issued	0.09	0.09
<b>A.1.8. Strategy: PROMOTE LOTTERY GAMES</b>		
<b>CONTRACT(S)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Billboard Expenditures from Promote Lottery Games Appropriation (Millions)	6.42	6.42
Other Promotion Expenditures from Promote Lottery Games Appropriation (Millions)	3.58	3.58
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCE BINGO LAWS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Referred for Disciplinary Action	1%	1%
Charitable Distributions Received by Charitable Organizations (in Millions)	30	30
Percentage of Organizations Who Met the Statutory Charitable Distribution Requirement	97%	97%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: BINGO LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Licenses Issued	13,000	13,000
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: BINGO LAW COMPLIANCE FIELD OPER</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Bingo Complaints Investigations Completed	120	120

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in the provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Equipment Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	\$ 220,490	\$ 225,861
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 220,490</u>	<u>\$ 225,861</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
GR Dedicated - Lottery Account No. 5025	\$ 220,490	\$ 225,861
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 220,490</u>	<u>\$ 225,861</u>

**3. Operate Lottery.** Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 466, appropriations made to Goal A, Operate Lottery, shall not exceed twelve percent of the gross revenue from the sale of lottery tickets. This appropriation shall be used for the administration of the lottery and for retailer commissions.

**4. Appropriation: Payment of Prizes.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above for the administration of the lottery and retailer commissions, there is appropriated pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 466, out of the State Lottery Account in the General Revenue Fund, sufficient funds for the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets.

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- 5. Limitation: Pooled Reserve Fund.** Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 466, the Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission shall maintain balances in a pooled reserve fund to cover the potential loss of state revenue as a result of lottery retailer defaults. The Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission shall transfer all pooled reserve fund revenues and balances that exceed \$5 million to the Foundation School Fund No. 193 monthly.
- 6. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of charity bingo pursuant to Occupations Code, Chapter 2001 shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of the appropriations made above for the strategy items in Goal B, Enforce Bingo Laws, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this goal. Direct costs for the strategy items in Goal B, Enforce Bingo Laws are estimated to be \$2,599,745 in year 2026 and \$2,599,745 in year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" for Goal B, Enforce Bingo Laws, are estimated to be \$1,177,574 for fiscal year 2026 and \$1,148,714 for fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

- 7. Petty Cash Fund Authorized.** The Texas Lottery Commission is authorized to establish a petty cash fund to be used by Commission employees for the purchase of evidence and/or information and other expenses deemed necessary for agency security and enforcement activities, including audits and expenses, incurred by auditing licensees, vendors, and other entities audited by Commission employees. The petty cash fund, not to exceed \$1,500, may be maintained in cash or at a local bank and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the executive director may recommend and the Commission may adopt.

**8. Retailer Commissions.**

- a. Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 466, an amount equal to 5 percent of gross sales shall be made available for the purpose of paying retailer commissions.
- b. The amounts included above in Strategy A.1.11, Retailer Commissions, include an estimated amount equal to one-half of one percent of gross sales each fiscal year that is in addition to the 5 percent retailer commission amount in subsection (a) above and may only be used for the purpose of paying sales performance retailer commissions. Any unobligated and unexpended balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. Prior to providing an additional retail commission above 5 percent of gross sales, the Texas Lottery Commission shall provide a report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board outlining the Texas Lottery Commission's plans to implement a retailer sales performance commission or similar sales performance incentive program and the projected benefits of the program to lottery ticket sales and state revenues.

**9. Lottery Operator Contract.**

- (a) The amounts included above in Strategy A.1.6, Lottery Operator Contract, are estimated appropriations out of the State Lottery Account in the General Revenue Fund and may only be used for payment of lottery operator contractual obligations. The estimated amount appropriated for fiscal year 2026 is an amount equal to 1.9889 percent of gross sales in fiscal year 2026; and the estimated amount appropriated in fiscal year 2027 is an amount equal to 1.9889 percent of gross sales in fiscal year 2027.
- (b) The estimated amount appropriated for fiscal year 2027 is contingent upon the percentage stipulated in the lottery operator contract in effect on August 31, 2025. In the event of an execution of changes to the lottery operator contract affecting the contractual lottery operator payment obligations, the Texas Lottery Commission shall file a written finding of fact to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board that identifies the revised contractual lottery operator payment obligation that will be in effect for fiscal year 2027. Upon receipt of the finding of fact, the Comptroller shall assess whether the information in the finding of fact is sufficient to support a revision to the estimated appropriation in Strategy A.1.6, Lottery Operator Contract, for fiscal year 2027. If found sufficient, the

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Comptroller shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the appropriation authorized in subsection (a) of this rider for fiscal year 2027 shall be revised to align with the contractual lottery operator payment obligation specified in the finding of fact.

- 10. Appropriation of Increased Revenues.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, there is appropriated out of the State Lottery Account in the General Revenue Fund, an amount equal to 1.49 percent of the amount by which gross sales exceed \$7,881,915,702 in fiscal year 2026 and the amount by which gross sales exceed \$7,777,201,071 in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of fulfilling contractual obligations and other administrative costs in administration of the Lottery. Any unexpended balances remaining from this appropriation as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- a. **Notification of Planned Use of Funds.** Prior to the use of the funds appropriated by this rider, the agency shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a report, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, outlining the planned use of the funds.
- b. **Reporting Requirement on Use of Funds.** The agency shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, by December 1 each fiscal year, a report, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that includes the following information:
- (1) the amounts of the funds appropriated by this rider that were expended in the previous fiscal year and the purpose of the expenditures; and
- (2) the amount of the funds that were lapsed at the end of the previous fiscal year.
- 11. Scratch Ticket Game Closure.** The commission shall provide a semi-annual report on April 1 and October 1 of each fiscal year, to the Legislative Budget Board detailing the number of scratch ticket games closed and the amount of time to end the sale of each game following closure.
- 12. Sale of Lottery.** None of the funds appropriated above may be spent for the purpose of exploring, investigating, negotiating, calculating, or otherwise taking any action that would result in selling the Texas Lottery.
- 13. Bingo Third Party Reimbursements.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Bingo Law Compliance Field Operations, is an estimated \$60,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$60,000 in fiscal year 2027 from amounts collected from the General Revenue Fund from third party reimbursements by the Bingo division in accordance with Texas Occupations Code, Sections 2001.205(b), 2001.209(b), and 2001.560(d).
- 14. Limitations on Transfers.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers, of this Act, appropriations may not be transferred from Strategy A.1.7, Scratch Ticket Production Contract(s), to other strategies without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.
- 15. Notification Requirement.** The agency shall notify the Legislative Budget Board, in a manner prescribed by the board, at least 30 calendar days before any amendment or change order is executed on the Lottery Operator Contract.
- 16. Sunset Contingency.** Funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2027 for the Texas Lottery Commission are made contingent on the continuation of the Texas Lottery Commission by the Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025. In the event that the agency is not continued, the funds appropriated above for fiscal year 2026, or as much thereof as may be necessary, are to be used to provide for the phase out of the agency operations.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 51,033,262	\$ 51,645,864

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Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund Account No. 010	\$ 219,534,964	\$ 211,326,818
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 270,568,226</u>	<u>\$ 262,972,682</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 93,393	\$ 94,311
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	952.0	952.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 7	\$230,000	\$230,000
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> TITLES, REGISTRATIONS, AND PLATES Title, Registration, and License Plate Services.	\$ 96,394,781	\$ 97,555,044
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing.	4,182,575	4,202,454
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES Motor Carrier Permits, Operating Authority, and Fleet Registration.	10,657,110	10,707,269
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT & AUTOMATION	13,472,193	2,972,193
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> CUSTOMER CONTACT CENTER	<u>4,071,327</u>	<u>4,099,246</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS</b>	\$ 128,777,986	\$ 119,536,206
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT THE PUBLIC</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT Enforcement and Investigations.	\$ 11,753,504	\$ 11,801,770
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grants and Programs.	<u>51,033,262</u>	<u>51,645,864</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: PROTECT THE PUBLIC</b>	\$ 62,786,766	\$ 63,447,634
<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 11,778,198	\$ 11,832,444
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	50,188,801	49,219,923
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>17,036,475</u>	<u>18,936,475</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 79,003,474</u>	<u>\$ 79,988,842</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES</b>	<u>\$ 270,568,226</u>	<u>\$ 262,972,682</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 62,652,082	\$ 63,002,083
Other Personnel Costs	1,416,788	1,416,788
Professional Fees and Services	41,906,001	30,396,428
Fuels and Lubricants	77,550	77,550
Consumable Supplies	1,376,908	1,376,908
Utilities	6,467,931	6,467,931
Travel	550,470	550,470
Rent - Building	2,710,913	2,710,913
Rent - Machine and Other	350,246	350,246
Debt Service	9,000,000	11,000,000
Other Operating Expense	99,860,571	100,811,998
Grants	43,634,068	44,246,669
Capital Expenditures	<u>564,698</u>	<u>564,698</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 270,568,226</u>	<u>\$ 262,972,682</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 5,356,949	\$ 5,400,845
Group Insurance	9,186,784	9,373,247

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Social Security	4,469,696	4,506,494
Benefits Replacement	<u>18,021</u>	<u>14,651</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,031,450</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,295,237</u></b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Motor Vehicles. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Motor Vehicles. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: TITLES, REGISTRATIONS, AND PLATES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Vehicle Title Transactions Processed	7,478,512	7,485,854
Total Number of Registered Vehicles	26,285,400	26,439,391
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: VEHICLE INDUSTRY LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Motor Vehicle Industry Licenses Issued	13,000	12,500
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Oversize/Overweight Permits Issued	735,000	735,000
Number of Motor Carrier Credentials Issued	85,000	85,000
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT THE PUBLIC</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Non-Lemon Law Cases Closed	19,000	19,000
Number of Motor Vehicle Consumer Cases Closed (Lemon Law)	490	490
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Weeks to Close a Motor Vehicle Case (Lemon Law)	29	29
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: MOTOR VEHICLE CRIME PREVENTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Theft and Burglary Prevention Grants Awarded	30	30
Number of Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Catalytic Converter Grants Awarded	34	34
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Stolen Vehicles Recovered by Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Grant Funded Programs	16,400	17,300

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Regional Service Centers Maintenance	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 0
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) TxDMV Automation System	\$ 10,500,000	\$ 0
(2) Technology Replacement & Upgrades - Regional Support for County Tax Assessor-Collector Offices	5,000,000	5,000,000
(3) PC Replacement	<u>792,000</u>	<u>792,000</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 16,292,000	\$ 5,792,000

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c. Other Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP)			
(1) Lease Payments - Camp Hubbard Renewal Project	\$	9,000,000	\$ 11,000,000
d. Data Center/Shared Technology Services			
(1) Data Center Services - Shared Technology Services	\$	24,596,158	\$ 23,761,788
Total, Capital Budget	\$	50,888,158	\$ 40,553,788
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):			
Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund Account No. 010	\$	50,888,158	\$ 40,553,788
Total, Method of Financing	\$	50,888,158	\$ 40,553,788

- 3. Appropriation of Special License Plate Fees.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Motor Vehicles from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund in Strategy A.1.1, Titles, Registrations, and Plates, the amounts of \$9,568,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$9,710,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the purpose of making contract payments to the vendor selected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the marketing and sale of personalized and specialty license plates pursuant to Transportation Code, Sections 504.851 and 504.852, from fees collected from the sale of personalized and specialty license plates. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Titles, Registrations, and Plates, any additional fees collected from the sale of personalized and specialty license plates (Object Code 3014) and deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund for the purposes of making contract payments to the vendor selected by the Department of Motor Vehicles for the marketing and sale of personalized and specialty license plates are appropriated for the same purpose. Any unobligated or unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 4. Unexpended Balance and Capital Authority: TxDMV Automation Systems.** In addition to amounts appropriated above for the TxDMV Automation System capital budget item in Rider 2, Capital Budget, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Strategy A.1.4, Technology Enhancement and Automation, for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for the TxDMV Automation System capital budget project are appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- 5. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund Report.** The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, an annual report of revenue collections, expenditures, and fund balances in the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund No. 10.
- 6. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Federal Grants and State Matching Funds.** In addition to amounts appropriated above to the Department of Motor Vehicles, any unexpended balances of funds from federal grants remaining on August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, including balances remaining from appropriations of state matching funds required under federal contracts, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated in the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purposes.
- 7. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: TxDMV Headquarters Maintenance Projects.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances of appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for the TxDMV Headquarters Maintenance Projects capital budget project (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- 8. Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

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**9. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Regional Service Centers Maintenance Project.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances in appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Strategy A.1.1, Titles, Registrations, and Plates, for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, for the Regional Service Centers Maintenance capital budget project (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

### **10. Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority Appropriation.**

- (a) Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenue as authorized and generated pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153, and dedicated for the purposes of coordinated regulatory and law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft in this state pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153(e), and allocated for the purposes of appropriation to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153(e)(1), shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of General Revenue Fund appropriations made above in Strategy B.2.1, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention, as well as the “other direct and indirect costs” made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority program are estimated to be \$51,033,262 in fiscal year 2026 and \$51,645,864 in fiscal year 2027 and “other direct and indirect costs” are estimated to be \$93,393 in fiscal year 2026 and \$94,311 in fiscal year 2027. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- (b) Fees collected in excess of the Comptroller of Public Accounts’ Biennial Revenue Estimate (Revenue Object 3206) pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153, and dedicated for the purposes of coordinated regulatory and law enforcement activities intended to detect and prevent catalytic converter theft in this state pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153(e), and allocated for the purposes of appropriation to the Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 1006.153(e)(1), are appropriated to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Strategy B.2.1, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention. Any unobligated or unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances of appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Strategy B.2.1, Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention, for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

### **11. Camp Hubbard Renewal Project.**

- (a) In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, for the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025. In accordance with Government Code Chapter 1232, the Texas Public Finance Authority is authorized to issue any amount of unissued revenue bonds or other obligations on behalf of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles remaining as of August 31, 2025, out of the amount previously authorized by Rider 11, Camp Hubbard Renewal Project, in the bill pattern for the Department of Motor Vehicles, Article VII, House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$143,000,000 for the purpose of implementing the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project, to include site work and demolition of existing buildings, construction of a new office building, renovations to existing buildings, upgrades to the Central Utility Plant, and other work as may be needed to fully implement the project. In addition to the appropriation of revenue bond proceeds, the Department of Motor Vehicles is appropriated out of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund No. 010 such additional amounts as may be necessary to fully implement the project, including Costs of Issuance associated with issuing the bonds. Any unexpended balances of these appropriations made above in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.



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(b) Included in amounts appropriated above out of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund No. 010 in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, are amounts estimated to be \$9,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$11,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of making lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority for debt service on revenue bonds or other obligations issued to finance the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles is appropriated from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund No. 010 any additional amount necessary (estimated to be \$0) in fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of making lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority for debt service on revenue bonds or other obligations issued to finance the Camp Hubbard Renewal Project.

**12. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Accounts Receivable System Project.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles by Senate Bill 30, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 (Supplemental Appropriations Act), for the Accounts Receivable System Project (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

**13. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Registration and Titling System Replacement Phase One Project.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the Registration and Titling System Replacement Phase One project for the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the same purpose in the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 103,985,000	\$ 48,885,000
GR Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 730,218	\$ 730,218
<u>Federal Funds</u>		
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ 94,054,318	\$ 0
Federal Funds	56,024,478	54,026,739
Federal Reimbursements	<u>6,122,407,466</u>	<u>5,744,855,443</u>
Subtotal, Federal Funds	\$ 6,272,486,262	\$ 5,798,882,182
<u>Other Funds</u>		
State Highway Fund No. 006, estimated	\$ 5,262,015,491	\$ 4,612,925,245
State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 1, 2014, estimated	4,452,504,000	3,544,554,000
State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, estimated	3,738,801,000	3,689,167,000
State Highway Fund No. 006 - Toll Revenue, estimated	421,000,000	171,000,000
State Highway Fund - Debt Service, estimated	397,318,063	400,679,092
Texas Mobility Fund, estimated	127,941,592	130,612,705
Texas Mobility Fund - Debt Service, estimated	393,022,353	322,170,093
Interagency Contracts	<u>4,500,000</u>	<u>4,500,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 14,797,102,499</u>	<u>\$ 12,875,608,135</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 21,174,303,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,724,105,535</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 491,157	\$ 495,828

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 93.5% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	13,175.0	13,175.0
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Executive Director, Group 9	\$344,000	\$344,000
Commissioner	(5) 16,805	(5) 16,805

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PLAN/DESIGN/MANAGE In-house Planning, Design, and Management of Transportation Projects.	\$ 672,266,228	\$ 684,642,505
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> CONTRACTED PLANNING AND DESIGN Contracted Planning and Design of Transportation Projects.	653,153,513	634,124,430 & UB
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION Optimize Timing of Transportation Right-of-way Acquisition.	491,783,906	527,413,400 & UB
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS Construction of Transportation System and Facilities. Estimated.	2,054,289,004	1,838,757,627 & UB
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS Contracts for Transportation System Maintenance. Estimated.	3,627,118,283	3,423,638,436 & UB
<b>A.1.6. Strategy:</b> PROPOSITION 1, 2014 Proposition 1 (2014) Funds for Non-tolled Public Roadways. Estimated.	4,452,504,000	3,544,554,000 & UB
<b>A.1.7. Strategy:</b> PROPOSITION 7, 2015 Proposition 7 (2015) Funds for Non-tolled Public Roadways. Estimated.	3,484,665,894	3,440,542,924 & UB
<b>A.1.8. Strategy:</b> CONSTRUCTION GRANTS & SERVICES Grants, Loans, Pass-through Payments, and Other Services. Estimated.	<u>366,499,140</u>	<u>98,019,979 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY	\$ 15,802,279,968	\$ 14,191,693,301
<b>B. Goal: ROUTINE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE</b>		
Routine Transportation System Maintenance.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CONTRACTED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE Contract for Routine Transportation System Maintenance.	\$ 1,582,355,114	\$ 1,308,298,686 & UB
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> ROUTINE MAINTENANCE Provide for State Transportation System Routine Maintenance/Operations.	1,275,626,254	1,050,122,367 & UB
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> FERRY OPERATIONS Operate Ferry Systems in Texas.	<u>64,376,484</u>	<u>66,556,229 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> ROUTINE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,922,357,852	\$ 2,424,977,282
<b>C. Goal: OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION Support and Promote Public Transportation.	\$ 141,635,855	\$ 147,249,122 & UB
<b>C.2.1. Strategy:</b> TRAFFIC SAFETY	70,454,737	73,027,951 & UB
<b>C.3.1. Strategy:</b> TRAVEL INFORMATION	22,056,097	22,855,857 & UB
<b>C.4.1. Strategy:</b> RESEARCH Fund Research and Development to Improve Transportation Operations.	30,437,520	29,577,051 & UB
<b>C.5.1. Strategy:</b> AVIATION SERVICES Support and Promote General Aviation.	164,056,675	145,775,730 & UB
<b>C.6.1. Strategy:</b> GULF WATERWAY Support the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.	<u>1,330,668</u>	<u>1,345,718 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS	\$ 429,971,552	\$ 419,831,429
<b>D. Goal: ENHANCE RAIL TRANSPORTATION</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> RAIL PLAN/DESIGN/MANAGE	\$ 3,705,375	\$ 3,705,375
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> CONTRACT RAIL PLAN/DESIGN Contract for Planning and Design of Rail Transportation Infrastructure.	3,500,000	3,500,000 & UB

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<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> RAIL CONSTRUCTION	0	0
		& UB
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> RAIL SAFETY	<u>1,711,259</u>	<u>1,776,936</u>
Ensure Rail Safety through Inspection and Public Education.		
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> ENHANCE RAIL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 8,916,634	\$ 8,982,311
<b>E. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 121,841,500	\$ 119,680,619
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	310,146,973	303,448,055
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>57,289,500</u>	<u>58,992,538</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 489,277,973	\$ 482,121,212
<b>F. Goal:</b> DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS		
Debt Service Payments for Bonds, Notes, and Other Credit Agreements.		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	\$ 264,000,000	\$ 258,000,000
General Obligation Bond Debt Service Payments.		& UB
<b>F.1.2. Strategy:</b> STATE HIGHWAY FUND BONDS	420,000,000	422,000,000
State Highway Fund Bond Debt Service Payments.		& UB
<b>F.1.3. Strategy:</b> TEXAS MOBILITY FUND BONDS	416,000,000	345,000,000
Texas Mobility Fund Bond Debt Service Payments.		& UB
<b>F.1.4. Strategy:</b> OTHER DEBT SERVICE	500,000	500,000
Other Debt Service Payments.	<u></u>	<u>&amp; UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal F:</b> DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	\$ 1,100,500,000	\$ 1,025,500,000
<b>G. Goal:</b> DEVELOP TOLL SUBACCOUNT PROJECTS		
Develop Transportation Projects through Toll Project Subaccount Funds.		
<b>G.1.1. Strategy:</b> PLAN/DESIGN/MANAGE - SUBACCOUNT	\$ 4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000
Plan, Design, and Manage Projects with Regional Toll Revenue Funds.		
<b>G.1.2. Strategy:</b> CONTRACTED PLAN/DESIGN - SUBACCOUNT	4,000,000	4,000,000
Contracted Planning/Design of Projects with Regional Toll Revenue.		& UB
<b>G.1.3. Strategy:</b> RIGHT-OF-WAY - SUBACCOUNT	12,500,000	12,500,000
Optimize Timing of ROW Acquisition with Regional Toll Revenue.		& UB
<b>G.1.4. Strategy:</b> CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS - SUBACCOUNT	400,000,000	150,000,000
Construction Contract Payments from Regional Toll Revenue.	<u></u>	<u>&amp; UB</u>
<b>Total, Goal G:</b> DEVELOP TOLL SUBACCOUNT PROJECTS	\$ <u>421,000,000</u>	\$ <u>171,000,000</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>	<u><u>\$ 21,174,303,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,724,105,535</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,040,683,455	\$ 1,040,683,455
Other Personnel Costs	36,355,292	36,355,292
Professional Fees and Services	1,691,569,972	1,670,912,202
Fuels and Lubricants	46,361,665	46,653,233
Consumable Supplies	6,144,422	6,337,207
Utilities	50,175,824	51,867,375
Travel	10,249,227	10,719,469
Rent - Building	2,070,034	2,119,349
Rent - Machine and Other	35,737,823	37,506,813
Debt Service	1,121,692,120	1,046,742,620
Other Operating Expense	2,379,413,859	2,325,353,945
Client Services	450,000	450,000
Grants	686,178,562	435,402,202
Capital Expenditures	<u>14,067,221,724</u>	<u>12,013,002,373</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 21,174,303,979</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,724,105,535</u></u>

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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 87,919,115	\$ 88,736,763
Group Insurance	228,277,486	234,459,203
Social Security	71,689,540	72,356,253
Benefits Replacement	<u>223,762</u>	<u>181,919</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 388,109,903	\$ 395,734,138
<u>Debt Service</u>		
TPFA GO Bond Debt Service	<u>\$ 6,241,892</u>	<u>\$ 5,549,253</u>
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	<u>\$ 394,351,795</u>	<u>\$ 401,283,391</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Transportation. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Transportation. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Transportation shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Design Projects Delivered on Time	90%	90%
Percent of Construction Projects Completed on Budget	85%	85%
Percent of Two-lane Highways 26 Feet or Wider in Paved Width	58.1%	58.3%
Percent of Construction Projects Completed on Time	70%	70%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: PLAN/DESIGN/MANAGE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Construction Plans Processed for Statewide Construction Letting	790	790
Dollar Volume of Construction Contracts Awarded (Millions)	6,500	6,500
Number of Construction Contracts Awarded	765	765
<b>B. Goal: ROUTINE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Bridge Inventory Condition Score	89.02	89.04
Percent of Highway Pavements in Good or Better Condition	90%	90%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CONTRACTED ROUTINE MAINTENANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Lane Miles Contracted for Resurfacing	19,000	19,000
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: ROUTINE MAINTENANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Highway Lane Miles Resurfaced by State Forces	6,500	6,500
<b>C. Goal: OPTIMIZE SERVICES AND SYSTEMS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent Change in the Number of Small Urban and Rural Transit Trips	1%	1%
Number of Fatalities Per 100,000,000 Miles Traveled	0.87	0.86
Percent of General Aviation Airport Runways in Good or Excellent Condition	60%	60%
<b>C.5.1. Strategy: AVIATION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Grants Approved for Airports Selected for Financial Assistance	70	70
<b>D. Goal: ENHANCE RAIL TRANSPORTATION</b>		
<b>D.1.4. Strategy: RAIL SAFETY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Units Inspected	130,000	130,000

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease

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Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

The Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, an annual report of expenditures made under this authority no later than 10 calendar days after September 1 of each year. The report shall identify any changes to the amounts budgeted for items listed below, including but not limited to appropriations transfers into or out of each item, actual or anticipated lapses of capital budget appropriations, expenditures for additional capital budget items not listed below, and any unexpended balances of capital budget appropriations for fiscal year 2026 that are not lapsed and are appropriated in fiscal year 2027 pursuant to Article IX, Section 14.03, of this Act.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property		
(1) Dredge Disposal Sites	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
(2) Land for Construction of Buildings	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property	\$ 20,600,000	\$ 600,000
b. Construction of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Facilities Master Plan Projects	\$ 224,000,000	\$ 0
c. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Deferred Maintenance	\$ 42,000,000	\$ 0
d. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Enterprise Information Management	\$ 11,709,494	\$ 10,459,335
(2) Information and Systems Modernization	25,753,283	21,652,761
(3) PC Replacement	6,516,217	6,516,217
(4) Technology Replacement & Upgrade	<u>42,520,988</u>	<u>42,320,963</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 86,499,982	\$ 80,949,276
e. Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	245,687,000	16,753,000
f. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 68,964,538	\$ 71,559,459
g. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) Centralized Accounting & Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)	\$ 7,500,956	\$ 8,001,020
(2) CAPPS Upgrades and Improvements	<u>8,447,038</u>	<u>7,000,893</u>
Total, Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)	\$ 15,947,994	\$ 15,001,913
h. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity Initiative Projects	\$ 20,268,148	\$ 15,767,574
i. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Mainframe-Legacy Modernization	\$ 11,201,428	\$ 7,851,001
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 735,169,090</u>	<u>\$ 208,482,223</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
State Highway Fund No. 006	<u>\$ 735,169,090</u>	<u>\$ 208,482,223</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 735,169,090</u>	<u>\$ 208,482,223</u>

**3. Transfer Authority.**

- a. Notwithstanding the appropriation transfer provisions in Article IX, Section 14.01, of this Act, appropriations may be transferred among Strategies A.1.2, Contracted Planning and Design, A.1.3, Right-of-Way Acquisition, A.1.4, Construction Contracts, A.1.5,

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Maintenance Contracts, and A.1.8, Construction Grants & Services, in an amount not to exceed ten percent of the appropriation item from which the transfer is made for the fiscal year. No appropriations may be transferred out of any strategy identified in this subsection to any strategy not identified in this subsection without prior authorization from the Legislative Budget Board. The Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a quarterly report of appropriation transfers made under the authority of this subsection.

- b. Subject to the appropriation transfer provisions in Article IX, Section 14.01, of this Act, appropriations may be transferred out of any strategy not identified in subsection (a) of this rider into any strategy identified in subsection (a).
- c. The Department of Transportation may submit to the Legislative Budget Board a request to exceed the appropriation transfer limitations specified by this rider, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that provides information regarding the purposes and the projected impact of the transfers on transportation projects and future appropriation needs. A request submitted under this provision shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days after the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request to transfer appropriations and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board regarding a request submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to this rider shall be provided in a timely manner. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this subsection, the Legislative Budget Board is authorized to suspend the approval of a request at any time pending the receipt of additional information requested of the Department of Transportation.

**4. Magazine Appropriations.** The Department of Transportation is directed to set subscription rates and other charges for Texas Highways Magazine at a level that will generate receipts approximately sufficient to cover the costs incurred in the production and distribution of the magazine. In addition to funds appropriated above, the department is appropriated to Strategy C.3.1, Travel Information, any magazine revenues generated above \$4,300,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,300,000 in fiscal year 2027. Funds may be utilized only for the purpose of magazine costs. The Department of Transportation may transfer revenues available from prior years subscription fees to Strategy C.3.1, Travel Information, in the event of unforeseen or unusual expenditures associated with the production costs of the Texas Highways Magazine. The Department of Transportation is appropriated all revenue collected from the sale of promotional items as authorized by Transportation Code, Section 204.009.

**5. Limitation on Residences.** None of the funds appropriated herein above may be expended for the purchase, construction, or maintenance of residences for employees of the Department of Transportation except maintenance camps in isolated areas.

**6. Refunds and Lawsuit Costs.** Any necessary amounts appropriated above may be used by the Department of Transportation to pay refunds authorized by law and to pay judgments, settlements, and other costs associated with lawsuits involving the department, including suits involving right-of-way acquisition or inverse condemnation.

**7. Minimum Wage Contracts.** In contracting for maintenance and construction contract work with the private sector from funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall require that contractors and subcontractors are paying all employees and contract labor at a rate at least equal to the federal minimum wage. The department shall withhold payments to contractors until their contractual obligations for paying employees and the contract labor have been fulfilled.

**8. Aviation Services Appropriations.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations made to the Department of Transportation from State Highway Fund No. 006 and from the General Revenue Fund for airport development grants in the 2024-25 biennium in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated to Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**9. Trust Fund 927.** The Department of Transportation is authorized to receive and hold funds in Trust Fund No. 927 (county or political subdivision road participation account) from

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governmental and private entities for purposes of reimbursing State Highway Fund No. 006 for expenses incurred with transportation projects, including highway and aviation.

- 10. State Highway Fund Reimbursement.** To the extent that funds are made available from local governments under Transportation Code, Section 22.055(b), the department is appropriated amounts as necessary from State Highway Fund No. 006 for purposes authorized by Chapter 22 of the Texas Transportation Code. Funds made available to the department under Transportation Code, Section 22.055(b) are to be used only for the purpose of reimbursing State Highway Fund No. 006.

**11. District Discretionary Funds.**

- a. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate a minimum of \$2.5 million for each district to the State District Discretionary Category each fiscal year. In addition, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor an annual report no later than November 1st each fiscal year detailing the amount of District Discretionary category funds used by each district for project cost overruns.
- b. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) of this rider, funds to fund improvements designed to facilitate traffic related to motor vehicles, cargo, and rail, and improve the efficiency of border inspection and security processes at land ports of entry located within 25 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. In making allocations under this subsection, the department shall consider factors related to the movement of people and goods through the land border ports of entry within the boundaries of the state, including but not limited to the number of incoming commercial trucks and railcars, the number of incoming personal motor vehicles and buses, the weight of incoming cargo by commercial trucks, and the number of land border ports of entry.
- c. Out of the funds appropriated above in Goal A, Project Development and Delivery, the Department of Transportation shall allocate, in addition to the allocations made under subsection (a) and (b) of this rider, funds to fund projects that are located within 60 miles of an international border crossing and recommended to the Texas Transportation Commission by the Border Trade Advisory Committee under Transportation Code, Section 201.114.

- 12. Travel Information.** If the department determines that it cannot meet anticipated production and distribution for the Texas State Travel Guide and related travel literature from funds appropriated in Strategy C.3.1, Travel Information, the department shall transfer sufficient funds to meet the demand for each year of the biennium from any Strategy except that no transfers shall be made into Strategy C.3.1, Travel Information, from Strategy A.1.2, Contracted Planning and Design, Strategy A.1.3, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, Strategy A.1.5, Maintenance Contracts, Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, strategies in Goal F, Debt Service Payments, and strategies in Goal G, Develop Toll Subaccount Projects.

**13. Reporting Requirements.**

- a. **Trade Transportation Activities.** The Department of Transportation shall provide a report to the department's border district legislators and to the respective metropolitan planning organizations on the department's trade transportation activities in such border districts during the 2026-27 biennium. The department shall report annually no later than January 1, each year of the biennium. The report shall also be provided to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- b. **Cash Forecast.** In addition to other information that might be requested by the Legislative Budget Board, the Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, a monthly cash forecast report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on state and federal funds received in State Highway Fund No. 006 as specified by the Legislative Budget Board. At any time, if the department becomes aware of any variances to estimated amounts appropriated above out of state and federal funds received in State Highway Fund No. 006, the department shall immediately notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor in writing specifying the affected funds and the reason for the anticipated change. The monthly cash forecast report shall include detailed explanations of the causes and effects of current and anticipated fluctuations in the cash balance.

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- c. **Project Status Report.** The Department of Transportation shall provide to each member of the House and Senate, unless a member requests it not be provided, a status report on all highway construction projects, airport projects, rail projects, toll road projects, turnpike projects, toll authorities, regional mobility authorities, and toll road conversion projects by legislative district, currently under contract or awaiting funding. The report shall include projects that would be funded fully or in part by state, federal, or toll funds. The report shall be filed prior to January 1, each fiscal year. In addition, 90 calendar days prior to any loan being approved by the Transportation Commission for any toll project, all members of the district within which the project is located shall be notified on the status of the project and how other projects in any district would be affected. Additionally, 30 calendar days prior to any loan being approved by the Transportation Commission for a non-tolled transportation project, all members of the district within which the project is located shall be notified on the status of the project and how other projects in any district would be affected.
- d. **Toll Project, Rail Project, and Toll Project Entities.**

The Department of Transportation shall provide, unless a member requests it not be provided, notification of:

  - (1) all rail projects, toll road projects, and turnpike projects included in the draft Unified Transportation Program located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 calendar days after being identified and at least 2 business days prior to public release of the draft Unified Transportation Program;
  - (2) the receipt of an application requesting approval to create a regional mobility authority or regional tollway authority located within each member of the House and Senate's district no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of an application and of the Transportation Commission's consideration of an application no later than 10 calendar days prior to commission action;
  - (3) any toll authority or regional mobility authority board member who discloses to the department that the board member owns or participates in any holding included in a proposed project immediately after the department receives that information; and
  - (4) the receipt of written notification for a proposed passenger rail or toll road project within each member of the House and Senate's district, whether or not it involves any state or federal funding no later than 10 calendar days after receipt.
- e. **Public Transportation Activities.** The Department of Transportation shall develop and submit an annual report to the Legislature no later than March 15, each fiscal year on public transportation activities in Texas. The report shall at a minimum include monthly data on industry utilized standards which best reflect: ridership, mileage, revenue by source, and service effectiveness, such as passengers per revenue mile. In order to meet the mandates of Transportation Code, Chapter 461, relating to the coordination of public transportation and to implement the legislative intent of Transportation Code, Section 461.001, the Department of Transportation is directed to engage the services of the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, or any entity that the Department of Transportation deems appropriate, to maintain an inventory of all public transportation providers in the state to determine the types and levels of services being provided by each of them and the extent to which those providers can assist the state in meeting the mandates of the statute.
- f. **Electronic Format.** All reports to the Legislature outlined in this Rider and elsewhere in this Act relating to Toll Road Projects must be delivered to the Legislature in electronic formats and, if requested, in paper format.
- g. **Federal Funds Reporting Requirement.**
  - (1) The Department of Transportation shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor:
    - (A) written notification of any increases or decreases in the amounts of federal funds estimated to be available to the Department of Transportation for the 2026-27 biennium within 30 business days of the date upon which the Department of Transportation is notified of such increases or decreases; and



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- (B) written notification outlining:
- i. the use and projected impacts of any additional federal funds available to the Department of Transportation above amounts estimated for the 2026-27 biennium; and/or
  - ii. the Department of Transportation's plan for addressing any reductions in federal funds, including federally-mandated funding rescissions.
- (2) The Department of Transportation shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor any documentation required by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration regarding the Department of Transportation's proposed use of additional federal funds and/or proposed actions to address federal funds reductions, including federally-mandated funding rescissions, as soon as possible prior to submitting the required documentation to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.
- (3) Using funds appropriated above to the Department of Transportation, the department shall annually submit to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and each member of the legislature a report regarding the use of funds received from the federal government for transportation projects. The report shall provide an accounting of all federal funds received for transportation projects during the preceding year and identify the amount of federal funds used for transportation projects during that year, disaggregated by transportation project. The report must identify each transportation project included in the report as a new construction project, an existing construction project, or a maintenance project.
- h. **Appropriations from State Highway Fund No. 006.** Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the department shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor with a detailed plan for the use of appropriations from State Highway Fund No. 006 which includes, but is not limited to:
- (1) each construction project's enhancement of the state's economy, traffic safety, and connectivity;
  - (2) a detailed account of the level of traffic congestion reduced by each proposed project, in districts that contain one of the 50 most congested roads; and
  - (3) a district by district analysis of pavement score targets and how proposed maintenance spending will impact pavement scores in each district.
- i. **Congested Road Segments.** Out of funds appropriated above, the department shall expend necessary funds to prominently post, no later than November 1, the top 100 congested road segments on its website and:
- (1) the annual hours of travel delays and the economic value of the delays for each segment;
  - (2) a congestion mitigation plan drafted in coordination with the local Metropolitan Planning Organization which shall include, when appropriate, alternatives to highway construction; and
  - (3) at least a quarterly update of the current status in completing the mitigation plan for each road segment.
- j. **Pass-through Tolling Agreements.** The Department of Transportation shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board no later than November 1 of each fiscal year, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, providing information on all existing pass-through tolling or pass-through financing agreements of the department.
- k. **Project Tracker.** All reports to the Legislature outlined in this rider may be satisfied by Project Tracker on the Department of Transportation's website to the extent possible.

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- 14. Green Ribbon Project Expansion.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation expand the Green Ribbon Project, a public-private partnership initiative to enhance the appearance of public highways by incorporating in the design and improvement of public highways the planting of trees and shrubs, emphasizing natural beauty and greenspace, integrating public art, and highlighting cultural uniqueness of neighborhoods, to other areas of the state.

Furthermore, in non-attainment and near non-attainment areas, in connection with a contract for a highway project, the department shall allocate to the district or districts in which the project is located an amount equal to not less than one half of one and not to exceed 1 percent of the amount to be spent under the contract for construction, maintenance, or improvement of the highway. If two or more districts share an allocation under this section, the districts shall divide the allocation according to the portion of the amount under the contract that will be spent in each district. A district that receives an allocation under this rider may spend the allocated money for landscaping improvements associated with the project that was the subject of the contract or for landscaping improvements associated with another highway or highway segment located in the district.

For purposes of this rider, landscape improvements means planting of indigenous or adapted trees and other plants that are suitable for the climate in which they will be located, and preparing the soil and installing irrigation systems for the growth of the trees and plants. In non-attainment and near non-attainment areas, the district or districts shall, to the extent possible, use trees and plants that help mitigate the effects of air pollution.

**15. Miscellaneous Pay Provisions.**

- a. **Holiday Pay.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this bill, the Department of Transportation, to the extent permitted by law, is authorized to grant compensatory time off or to pay hourly employees for work performed on official state holidays in addition to any applicable holiday pay.
- b. **Compensatory Pay.** In order to operate in the most economical manner, when inclement weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the department prevent ferry operations, construction, or maintenance employees from performing their normal duties, the Department of Transportation, to the extent permitted by law, is authorized to grant such employees time off with pay with the hours charged to the Compensatory Time Taken Account, provided that such advanced time must be repaid by the employee at a time, and in the most appropriate manner as determined by the department within the following twelve months or at termination, whichever is sooner.
- c. **Standby Pay.** It is expressly provided that the Department of Transportation, to the extent permitted by law, may pay compensation for on-call time at the following rates: credit for one hour worked per day on-call during the normal work week, and two hours worked per day on-call during weekends and holidays; this credit would be in addition to actual hours worked during normal duty hours or while on-call. Nonexempt employees who work a normal 40 hour work week, and also work on-call duty, will receive FLSA overtime rates for the on-call duty.
- d. **Pay for Regular Compensatory Time.** It is expressly provided that the Department of Transportation, to the extent permitted by law, may pay FLSA exempt and FLSA nonexempt employees on a straight-time basis for work on a holiday or for regular compensatory time hours when the taking of regular compensatory time off would be disruptive to normal business functions.
- e. **Hazardous Duty Pay.** To more adequately compensate employees who perform hazardous duties for the state, the Department of Transportation is authorized to compensate employees who perform underwater bridge inspections or perform declared emergency response duties an additional rate of pay of up to \$25 per hour for actual time spent performing these duties.
- f. **Evening, Night, and Weekend Shift Pay.** Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Transportation may pay an additional evening shift or night shift differential not to exceed 15 percent of the pay rate to employees who work the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift, or its equivalent, or who work the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift, or its equivalent. An additional weekend shift salary differential not to exceed 5 percent of the pay rate may be paid to employees. The weekend shift salary differential may be paid to an eligible individual in addition to the evening shift or night shift salary differential.

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### 16. Bond Programs. The Department of Transportation:

- a. in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-k, is appropriated during each year of the biennium:
  - (1) all revenue of the state that is dedicated or appropriated to the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365 in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-k (e), and such funds shall be deposited as received into the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365;
  - (2) all available funds in the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365, including any investment income, for the purposes outlined in Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter M;
  - (3) such amounts to be transferred to the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365 in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-k (g), and Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter M, as may be necessary to make payments when due on any bonds, notes, other obligations, or credit agreements issued or entered into pursuant to Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter M, to the extent that the available funds in the Texas Mobility Fund No. 365 are insufficient for such purposes; and
  - (4) in addition to the estimated amounts of Texas Mobility Fund Bond Proceeds listed above, any proceeds of additional bonds issued by the Texas Transportation Commission in a fiscal year or biennium that are in compliance with a Comptroller's certification as defined by Transportation Code, Chapter 201, Subchapter M.
- b. in accordance with Transportation Code, Subchapter N, is authorized during the biennium to pay in addition to amounts appropriated above from the State Highway Fund No. 006, or otherwise dedicated or appropriated to such fund or available therein, debt service payments for notes issued or money borrowed in anticipation of a temporary cash shortfall in the State Highway Fund No. 006.
- c. in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-m, and Transportation Code, Section 201.115, is authorized to pay in addition to amounts appropriated above from the State Highway Fund No. 006, or otherwise dedicated or appropriated to such fund or available therein, debt service payments for notes issued or money borrowed on a short-term basis to carry out the functions of the department.
- d. in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-n, and Transportation Code, Chapter 222, Subchapter A, is authorized during each fiscal year of the biennium to pay out of amounts appropriated above from the State Highway Fund No. 006, or otherwise dedicated or appropriated to such fund or available therein, amounts due under bonds, other public securities and bond enhancement agreements that are issued or entered into to fund highway improvement projects and that are secured by and payable from revenue deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund No. 006.
- e. in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-p, and State law, the Department is appropriated, and in compliance with the bond resolutions authorized to transfer, during each year of the biennium the funds out of the General Revenue Fund as may be necessary to make payments when due on any bonds, notes, other obligations or credit agreements issued or entered into by the Commission. Prior to the expenditure of funds appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund, the Department shall utilize any balances available in interest and sinking funds for such purpose. The Department is also appropriated all amounts available in such interest and sinking funds, including any unexpended balances in these funds, for making payments when due on any such bonds, notes, other obligations or credit agreements.
- f. in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-o, and Transportation Code Section 201.973, the department is authorized to pay debt service payments for notes issued or money borrowed on funds contained in the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund No. 0306 from money in that fund.

### 17. Additional Funds.

- a. Except during an emergency as defined by the Governor, no appropriation of additional State Highway Funds above the estimated appropriation amounts identified above in the Method of Financing for the Department of Transportation as State Highway Fund No. 006, State

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Highway Fund No. 006 - Toll Revenue, State Highway Fund No. 006 - Concession Fees, State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 1, 2014, or State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, may be expended by the Department of Transportation unless the Department of Transportation submits a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor outlining any additional funds available above amounts estimated for the 2026-27 biennium, their proposed uses and projected impacts. The Department of Transportation's proposal for the use of additional State Highway Funds shall be considered approved if not disapproved by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor before:

- (1) the 30th business day after the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the report 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; and
  - (2) the 30th business day after receipt of the report by the Governor.
- b. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board regarding a request submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to this rider shall be provided in a timely manner. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in subsection (a) of this rider, the Legislative Budget Board is authorized to suspend the approval of a proposal for the use of additional State Highway Funds at any time pending the receipt of additional information requested of the Department of Transportation.
  - c. The limitation in subsection (a) of this rider does not apply to the expenditure of funds received from governmental entities for purposes of reimbursing State Highway Fund No. 006 for expenses incurred with transportation projects or the expenditure of funds received as reimbursements for authorized services that are otherwise appropriated by Article IX, Section 8.02, of this Act.

**18. Local Government Assistance.** The Department of Transportation, pursuant to Texas Transportation Code, Section 201.706, may use funds appropriated by this Act to assist cities with the maintenance of city streets by providing engineering/maintenance expertise on roadway maintenance and when surplus materials are available, the department shall make available the surplus materials to any local government needing such materials.

For those cities that adopt or have adopted either a street use fee for maintenance or a specialized fee for street accessibility improvements as part of their local utility fees, the Department is authorized to use funds appropriated by this Act to coordinate its accessibility programs with those cities including providing engineering expertise where possible.

**19. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections: Rail Safety.** Fees, fines, and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the operation of the Rail Safety program pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 111.101, shall cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above in Strategy D.1.4, Rail Safety, as well as the "other direct and indirect costs" made elsewhere in this Act associated with this program. Direct costs for the Rail Safety program are estimated to be \$1,711,259 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,776,936 in fiscal year 2027 and "other direct and indirect costs" are estimated to be \$491,157 for fiscal year 2026 and \$495,828 for fiscal year 2027.

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.

**20. Road Construction and Maintenance at State Facilities.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation shall:

- a. maintain paved surfaces on the State Capitol Grounds according to the Historic Capitol Grounds Master Plan adopted by the State Preservation Board;
- b. construct, repair, and maintain roads in and providing access to and from Health and Human Services Commission state hospitals and state supported living centers;
- c. expend no more than \$20,000,000 for the biennium to construct and maintain roads and bridges on and adjacent to Texas Parks and Wildlife Facilities; and

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- d. expend no more than \$1,000,000 for the biennium to construct and maintain roads in state historic sites administered by the Texas Historical Commission.
- 21. Colonia Projects.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unexpended balances in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants & Services, from General Obligation Bond Proceeds for colonia access roadway projects remaining as of August 31, 2025 (estimated to be \$0), are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 22. Public Transportation.** Notwithstanding other transfer provisions in Article IX of this Act, appropriations made to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.1.1, Public Transportation, from the State Highway Fund shall not be reduced.
- 23. Crash Records Information System.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.2.1, Traffic Safety, is \$730,218 in fiscal year 2026 and \$730,218 in fiscal year 2027 from GR Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036 for ongoing maintenance of the Crash Records Information System.
- 24. Sale of Surplus Property.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 8.03, Surplus Property, in this Act, all receipts from the sale of Department of Transportation surplus property, equipment, commodities, or salvage (including recycled products), pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Chapter 2175, are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for expenditure during the fiscal year in which the receipts are received to carry out the functions of the department, specifically including implementing Transportation Code, Chapter 91. The Department of Transportation may spend no more than \$500,000 in a fiscal year for passenger rail projects authorized under the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 91, from funds appropriated by this rider.
- 25. Toll Project Subaccounts.** The amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Goal G, Develop Toll Subaccount Projects, are made from fund balances and interest earnings on fund balances held in toll project subaccounts in the State Highway Fund pursuant to Transportation Code, Section 228.012.
- 26. Clothing Provision.** The department may provide a rental and cleaning allowance for Travel Information Center personnel and ferry operations personnel not to exceed \$500 per year.
- 27. Federal Funding for the Texas Rail Plan.** The Department of Transportation shall make it a top priority to seek, obtain, maximize, and expend federal funding for rail and other related multi-modal transportation funding, including rail relocation and improvement funds from the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and Federal Transit Administration. Contingent upon the availability and receipt of federal rail and other related federal multi-modal funds to the State, such federal funds are appropriated to the Department of Transportation.
- 28. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies, Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS), Cybersecurity, and Legacy Modernization.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the 2024-25 biennium for capital budget items in the Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies capital budget category (estimated to be \$0), the Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS) capital budget category (estimated to be \$0), the Cybersecurity capital budget project category (estimated to be \$0), and the Legacy Modernization capital budget category (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- 29. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Construction Contracts and Construction Grants and Services.** Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, and Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, in the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- 30. Debt Reduction Report.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Transportation Commission and the Department of Transportation look for any and all opportunities for savings

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that may be accomplished for the department and the state from efforts to refinance the outstanding bond indebtedness issued for its transportation programs under terms and conditions that the commission finds to be in the best interest of the state. The department shall report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the Legislature annually on the outcomes of these efforts with the report due on or before August 31 of each fiscal year in which the Texas Transportation Commission finds opportunities to refinance its debt.

- 31. Study on Transportation Technology.** Out of the funds appropriated above, the Department of Transportation, as it determines appropriate and feasible, shall examine and evaluate innovative transportation technologies for purposes of cost savings, reducing traffic congestion, promoting safety, and increasing economic productivity.
- 32. Interagency Contract for Legal Services.** Out of funds appropriated above, \$10,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium is for an interagency contract with the Office of the Attorney General for legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General to the Department of Transportation. Any interagency contract funded by appropriated funds may not exceed reasonable attorney fees for similar legal services in the private sector, shall not jeopardize the ability of the Department of Transportation to carry out its legislative mandates, and shall not affect the budget for the Department of Transportation such that employees must be terminated in order to pay the amount of the interagency contract.
- 33. Appropriation of Rail Receipts from Car Load Fees.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all revenues collected from contractual car load fees paid to the Department of Transportation on the Texas Pacifico rail line (estimated to be \$3,000,000 in each fiscal year) and any unexpended balances of car load fee receipts from prior fiscal years (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the department in Strategy D.1.3, Rail Construction, for rail construction projects.
- 34. Proposition 1 Appropriations.**
- (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.6, Proposition 1, 2014, from State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 1, 2014, include estimated revenue transfers to the State Highway Fund for the 2026-27 biennium pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-g(c-1), (estimated to be \$2,452,504,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,644,554,000 in fiscal year 2027) to be used for constructing, maintaining, and acquiring rights-of-way for non-tolled public roadways.
  - (b) Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, from State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 1, 2014, appropriations made to the Department of Transportation for the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$2,000,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$900,000,000 in fiscal year 2027) are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- 35. Proposition 7 Appropriations.**
- a. Amounts appropriated above from State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, reflect estimated revenue allocations to the State Highway Fund pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7-c (a) and (b) (estimated to be \$3,138,801,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,189,167,000 in fiscal year 2027). The estimated amounts are allocated to the strategies above for the following purposes, in accordance with Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 7-c, subsection (c):
    - (1) \$2,884,665,894 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,940,542,924 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy A.1.7, Proposition 7, 2015, for the construction, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; and
    - (2) \$254,135,106 in fiscal year 2026 and \$248,624,076 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy F.1.1, General Obligation Bonds, for the repayment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds issued as authorized by Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-p.
  - b. The Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, appropriations from Strategy A.1.7, Proposition 7, 2015, into Strategy F.1.1, General Obligation Bonds, in any amount necessary to repay principal and interest on general obligation bonds. The Department of Transportation may transfer unexpended balances of State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, appropriations remaining in

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Strategy F.1.1, General Obligation Bonds, to Strategy A.1.7, Proposition 7, 2015, after expenditures of such funds have been made for payments due on general obligation bonds during each fiscal year.

- c. Any unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, from State Highway Fund No. 006 - Proposition 7, 2015, appropriations made to the Department of Transportation for the 2024-25 biennium (estimated to be \$600,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2027) are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**36. Port Access Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated to the Department of Transportation by this Act, an amount not to exceed \$40,000,000 in the 2026-27 biennium from any available source of revenue and/or balances in Texas Mobility Fund No. 365 shall be allocated to provide funding for public roadway projects selected by the Port Authority Advisory Committee and approved by the Texas Transportation Commission to improve connectivity to Texas ports.

**37. Toll Vendor Contracts.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Transportation, to the extent permitted by law, consider including in its contracts for processing and billing of toll transactions provisions to provide incentives to encourage accurate assessing and billing of tolls, which may include compensated tolls per billing error to each recipient of improperly sent notices or bills.

**38. Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail.**

- a. None of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Transportation from state funds may be used for the purposes of subsidizing or assisting in the planning, facility construction or maintenance, security for, or operation of high-speed rail operated by a private entity. If the Department of Transportation acts as a joint-lead agency with a federal agency under 40 C.F.R. Sec. 1506.2, this section does not prevent the Department of Transportation from using state funds to exercise its authority for oversight and coordination of federal processes and programs. For the purposes of this section, high-speed rail means intercity passenger rail service that is reasonably expected to reach speeds of at least 110 miles per hour.
- b. The Department of Transportation shall prepare a report every six months summarizing the number of Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) hours and expenses related to private high-speed rail work. The report shall be distributed to members of the Legislature whose districts include the potential high-speed rail projects and the chairs of relevant policy committees in each chamber.
- c. Nothing in this provision is intended to preclude or limit the Department of Transportation from executing its responsibilities under state or federal law including regulatory responsibilities, oversight of transportation projects, environmental review, policy development, and communication with public officials, or from coordinating with high-speed rail in the same manner as it treats other entities that work with the Department in the planning and coordination of their projects.

**39. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Construction of Buildings and Facilities, Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities, and Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the 2024-25 biennium for capital budget items in the Construction of Buildings and Facilities capital budget category (estimated to be \$0), the Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities capital budget category (estimated to be \$0), and in the Acquisition of Land and Other Real Property category are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**40. Austin Campus Consolidation.** Included in the amounts appropriated above out of the State Highway Fund in Strategy E.1.1, Central Administration, the amounts of \$21,192,120 in fiscal year 2026 and \$21,242,624 in fiscal year 2027 may be expended only for the purpose of making lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority for debt service payments on the revenue bonds or other obligations issued to construct the Austin Campus Consolidation Project.

**41. Limitation on Employment Levels.** Notwithstanding the limitation on state employment levels in Article IX, Section 6.10, of this Act, the Department of Transportation may use the funds appropriated in this Act to pay all or part of the salaries or benefits of a number of employees which would cause the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) employees paid from funds

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appropriated by this Act to reach 103 percent of the FTE figure indicated by this Act for the Department of Transportation in a fiscal quarter. The Department of Transportation shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board a plan to comply with the provisions of Article IX, Section 6.10, of this Act, in the event the number FTEs paid from funds appropriated by this Act exceeds the FTE figure indicated above for the Department of Transportation by an amount of 50.0 FTEs or greater in a fiscal quarter.

### **42. Comprehensive Development Agreements.**

- (a) The Department of Transportation may not expend any funds appropriated by this Act to enter into a comprehensive development agreement, unless the department submits a report to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that provides information regarding the location, project costs, and projected benefits to the state for each project proposed under a comprehensive development agreement; and the Legislative Budget Board issues a written approval.
- (b) A request submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection (a) 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.
- (c) Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board regarding a request submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection (a) shall be provided in a timely manner. Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Legislative Budget Board is authorized to suspend the approval of a request at any time pending the receipt of additional information requested of the Department of Transportation.
- (d) The Department of Transportation may not expend funds appropriated by this Act to amend the terms, extend the scope, issue a change order, or alter the provisions of an executed comprehensive development agreement unless the department submits a report to the Legislative Budget Board, in the format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that provides information regarding the proposed modifications to the contract and the Legislative Budget Board issues a written approval. A request submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to this subsection is subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c).

**43. Limitation on Expenditure of Funds.** None of the funds appropriated above to the Department of Transportation may be expended in the construction of a replacement bridge and roadway to Pelican Island in Galveston County through an institution of higher education without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.

**44. Southern Gateway Deck Park.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, any unobligated and unexpended balances of appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2025, from Federal Funds administered by the Department of Transportation for the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose if the project meets federal funding requirements. It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated above would cover the Phase II Infrastructure of the Southern Gateway Deck Park Project. Any project expenditures using Federal Funds shall be approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

**45. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Improvements to the Sugar Land Regional Airport.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Transportation from the General Revenue Fund for the 2024-25 biennium for airport runway improvement projects at the Sugar Land Regional Airport (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**46. State Highway 99 Access Road Improvements.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding access road improvements on State Highway 99 between Interstate Highway 10 and Westpark Tollway in Fort Bend County.



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- 47. Improvements to Wharton County Weigh Station Site.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, the amount of \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding improvements to the Wharton County weigh station site.
- 48. Texarkana Regional Airport.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy C.5.1, Aviation Services, the amount of \$22,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, shall be used to fund runway expansion and improvements at the Texarkana Regional Airport.
- 49. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Improvements to Pharr International Bridge.** In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.4, Construction Contracts, any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Department of Transportation from the General Revenue Fund for the 2024-25 biennium for the purpose of funding improvements to the Pharr International Bridge located in Hidalgo County (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Department of Transportation for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.
- 50. Engineering and Engineering-Related Service Contracts.**
- (a) The Department of Transportation shall publish on its website, within 30 days of execution, all active engineering and engineering-related service contracts, including but not limited to those for design, schematic/environmental, planning, land surveying, right-of-way acquisition, highway improvements, and construction, engineering, and inspection. The information shall be updated at least weekly. Information to be posted shall include:
    - (1) the contract number;
    - (2) the prime firm;
    - (3) the total contract amount;
    - (4) the date of execution and termination date;
    - (5) the type of contract;
    - (6) whether it is a specific deliverable or indefinite deliverable contract;
    - (7) the general description of the scope of services;
    - (8) work authorizations, supplemental work authorizations, and supplemental agreements issued to date;
    - (9) the total paid under the contract to date; and
    - (10) a list of applicable geographies of the contract.
  - (b) If the Department of Transportation determines it is necessary to slow, stop, suspend, pause, or otherwise alter the schedule or table of deliverables identified in a contract or work authorization for an engineering or engineering-related service contract, the Department of Transportation shall notify the contractor in writing. This notification must be given to the contractor at least 90 days in advance of the order to slow, stop, pause, or otherwise alter.
  - (c) If notice is given to slow, stop, suspend, pause, or otherwise alter a contract or work authorization issued under an engineering or engineering-related service contract, the district, area-office, division, or other office within the Department of Transportation that issued the notice shall report that notice in writing to the Executive Director, the Deputy Executive Directors, and the Chief Engineer within three days. The notice shall also be posted within 10 days to the corresponding contract information required to be posted on the website in accordance with subsection (a).
  - (d) The Department of Transportation shall post and continuously update on its website a list of all active indefinite deliverable engineering and engineering-related service contracts.

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Information to be posted for each contract shall include the date of execution, date of termination, disciplines covered, total dollar capacity, total dollar capacity used to date, total dollar capacity available, and geography of the contract.

- (e) The Department of Transportation shall provide a quarterly, written report to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor detailing the number of active engineering or engineering-related service contracts or work authorizations that have been slowed, stopped, suspended, or paused, and the total dollar amount of capacity that has been affected.

- 51. Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Department of Transportation in Strategy A.1.1, Plan/Design/Manage, the amount of \$3,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, is to be used for the purpose of funding the Ysleta Port of Entry Modernization and Expansion Project development study in the City of El Paso.
- 52. State Highway 71 Pedestrian Crossing.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.8, Construction Grants and Services, include \$10,000,000 out of the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of funding the design and construction of a pedestrian crossing over State Highway 71 to connect the City of Smithville, Texas, and the Vernon L. Richards Riverbend Park.

**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 101,427,130	\$ 102,946,410
GR MOE for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Account No. 759	8,829,352	8,829,352
GR Match for Child Care Development Fund	60,063,817	60,063,817
GR for Vocational Rehabilitation	74,278,433	75,778,608
Career Schools and Colleges	1,389,637	1,389,637
GR Match for SNAP Administration Account No. 8014	4,505,115	4,505,115
GR Match for Adult Education	9,908,560	9,908,560
GR MOE for Child Care Development Fund	<u>27,745,141</u>	<u>27,745,141</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 288,147,185	\$ 291,166,640
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ 5,086,422	\$ 5,086,421
Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492	400,000	400,000
Business Enterprise Program Trust Fund	404,212	404,212
Employment and Training Investment Assessment Holding Account No. 5128	386,230	386,230
Identification Fee Exemption Fund No. 5177	280,453	280,453
Lone Star Workforce of the Future Fund Account No. 5198	<u>2,500,000</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 9,057,317	\$ 9,057,316
Workforce Commission Federal Account No. 5026	\$ 2,469,236,270	\$ 2,553,708,959
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Blind Endowment Fund Account No. 493	\$ 22,682	\$ 22,682
Appropriated Receipts	1,986,579	1,501,036
Interagency Contracts	57,765,618	57,777,100
Subrogation Receipts Account No. 8052	167,665	167,665
Appropriated Receipts for VR	<u>503,457</u>	<u>503,457</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>60,446,001</u>	\$ <u>59,971,940</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,826,886,773</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,913,904,855</u></u>

**TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION**  
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 99.8% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	5,067.5	5,067.5
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Commissioner (Chair), Group 6	\$201,000	\$201,000
Commissioner, Group 5	(2) 201,000	(2) 201,000
Executive Director, Group 7	234,520	234,520

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: LOCAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LOCAL WORKFORCE CONNECTION SERVICES</b>		
	\$ 276,053,857	\$ 276,659,294
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: LOCAL YOUTH WORKFORCE SERVICES</b>		
	81,926,171	81,926,171
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY</b>		
	80,525,398	80,525,398
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: SENIOR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES</b>		
	4,303,034	4,302,742
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: LOCAL CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS</b>		
	1,417,313,893	1,467,908,574
<b>A.3.2. Strategy: CHILD CARE QUALITY ACTIVITIES</b>		
	124,069,124	130,304,641
<b>A.3.3. Strategy: CHILD CARE FOR DFPS FAMILIES</b>		
	<u>40,762,718</u>	<u>40,762,718</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: LOCAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>\$ 2,024,954,195</b>	<b>\$ 2,082,389,538</b>

<b>B. Goal: STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT</b>		
	\$ 34,938,816	\$ 34,953,036
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: APPRENTICESHIP</b>		
	34,275,813	32,226,104
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: JOBS EDUCATION FOR TEXAS (JET)</b>		
	15,521,460	15,523,829
<b>B.1.4. Strategy: SELF SUFFICIENCY</b>		
	2,458,991	2,458,985
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION</b>		
	355,664,509	394,846,855
<b>B.2.2. Strategy: BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF TEXAS (BET)</b>		
	8,162,117	7,802,981
<b>B.3.1. Strategy: STATE WORKFORCE SERVICES</b>		
	124,830,147	123,103,784
<b>B.3.2. Strategy: CHILD CARE ADMINISTRATION</b>		
	22,802,221	22,460,269
<b>B.3.3. Strategy: LABOR MARKET AND CAREER INFORMATION</b>		
	5,718,068	5,171,262
<b>B.3.4. Strategy: SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING</b>		
	4,003,976	4,017,402
<b>B.3.5. Strategy: LABOR LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>		
	4,471,841	4,470,336
<b>B.3.6. Strategy: CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES</b>		
	1,239,652	1,239,304
<b>B.3.7. Strategy: WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT</b>		
	801,779	776,658
<b>B.3.8. Strategy: FOREIGN LABOR CERTIFICATION</b>		
	939,393	973,265
<b>B.4.1. Strategy: UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES</b>		
	136,638,275	131,848,951
<b>B.5.1. Strategy: CIVIL RIGHTS</b>		
	<u>4,149,110</u>	<u>4,176,904</u>
<b>Total, Goal B: STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 756,616,168</b>	<b>\$ 786,049,925</b>

<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>		
	\$ 29,998,480	\$ 30,004,604
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES</b>		
	5,141,048	5,207,420
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES</b>		
	<u>10,176,882</u>	<u>10,253,368</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 45,316,410</b>	<b>\$ 45,465,392</b>

<b>Grand Total, TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,886,773</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,904,855</b>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 305,255,498	\$ 305,027,296
Other Personnel Costs	11,000,664	11,000,664
Professional Fees and Services	66,913,445	65,496,249
Fuels and Lubricants	57,051	57,051
Consumable Supplies	885,718	913,579
Utilities	7,589,434	7,946,290
Travel	6,332,203	6,531,695
Rent - Building	3,710,879	3,750,117
Rent - Machine and Other	2,200,059	2,254,943
Other Operating Expense	156,988,034	148,389,537
Client Services	160,927,242	208,673,030
Grants	2,102,342,186	2,150,898,412
Capital Expenditures	<u>2,684,360</u>	<u>2,965,992</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,886,773</b>	<b>\$ 2,913,904,855</b>
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 24,440,328	\$ 24,667,623
Group Insurance	66,505,196	68,328,512
Social Security	20,972,826	21,164,763
Benefits Replacement	<u>96,010</u>	<u>78,056</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>		
	<u>\$ 112,014,360</u>	<u>\$ 114,238,954</u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Workforce Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Workforce Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Workforce Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LOCAL WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Employers Served	139,000	140,000
Participants Served - C&T	317,000	317,000
% Employed/Enrolled 2nd-4th Qtrs Post Exit - C&T	85%	85%
Credential Rate - C&T	75%	75%
Average Choices Participation	21%	21%
% Employed/Enrolled 2nd-4th Qtrs Post Exit - AEL	87%	87%
Credential Rate - AEL	43%	43%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LOCAL WORKFORCE CONNECTION SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Participants Served - Local Workforce Connection Services	54,577	54,744
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Participant Served - Local Workforce Connection Services	4,578	4,578
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Participants Served - AEL	58,649	58,649
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: LOCAL CHILD CARE SOLUTIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Average Number of Children Receiving Child Care Administered by Local Workforce Development Boards Per Day	150,146	150,975
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Child Per Month for Child Care Administered by Local Workforce Development Boards	740	763
<b>B. Goal: STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
% Employed/Enrolled 2nd-4th Qtrs Post Exit - Vocational Rehabilitation	88%	88%
Credential Rate - Vocational Rehabilitation	52%	52%
Percent of Unemployment Insurance Claimants Paid Timely	98%	98%
Percent of Unemployment Insurance Appeals Decisions Issued Timely	78%	78%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Contracted Number of Skills Development Trainees	10,628	10,628
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: APPRENTICESHIP</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Participants Served - Apprenticeship	6,647	6,647
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: JOBS EDUCATION FOR TEXAS (JET)</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Contracted Number of First Year Jobs Education for Texas (JET) Trainees or Students	6,750	6,750
<b>B.1.4. Strategy: SELF SUFFICIENCY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Contracted Number of Self-Sufficiency Trainees	971	971

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<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Participants Served - Vocational Rehabilitation	40,333	46,435
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Participant Served - Vocational Rehabilitation	5,006	5,225
<b>B.2.2. Strategy:</b> BUSINESS ENTERPRISES OF TEXAS (BET)		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Individuals Employed by BET Businesses (Managers and Employees)	1,820	1,820
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Blind & Disabled Individuals Employed by BET Facility Managers	180	180
<b>B.3.1. Strategy:</b> STATE WORKFORCE SERVICES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Statewide Initiative Participants to Be Served	18,365	23,261
<b>B.3.4. Strategy:</b> SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Monitoring Reviews of Boards or Contractors	130	130
<b>B.3.5. Strategy:</b> LABOR LAW ENFORCEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of On-site Inspections Completed for Texas Child Labor Law Compliance	2,800	2,800
<b>B.3.6. Strategy:</b> CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Licensed Career Schools and Colleges	725	725
<b>B.4.1. Strategy:</b> UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Wait Time on Hold for Unemployment Insurance Customers (Minutes)	10	10

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Repair or Rehabilitation of Buildings and Facilities		
(1) Repair or Rehab of Buildings and Facilities	\$ 12,730,458	\$ 10,945,484
b. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Lan/WAN Area Upgrade & Replacement	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 0
(2) PC Lease	<u>4,185,125</u>	<u>0</u>
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 8,985,125	\$ 0
c. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 40,869,127	\$ 39,170,949
d. Centralized Accounting and Payroll/Personnel System (CAPPS)		
(1) Enterprise Resource Planning	\$ 2,564,070	\$ 1,814,070
e. Cybersecurity		
(1) Cybersecurity	\$ 2,988,776	\$ 936,973
f. Legacy Modernization		
(1) Operations Infrastructure	<u>\$ 1,053,512</u>	<u>\$ 518,816</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 69,191,068</u>	<u>\$ 53,386,292</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
<u>General Revenue Fund</u>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,403,181	\$ 892,619

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Career Schools and Colleges	96,963	137,426
GR Match for SNAP Administration Account No. 8014	<u>117,553</u>	<u>115,640</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,617,697	\$ 1,145,685
GR Dedicated - Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ 554,147	\$ 686,284
Workforce Commission Federal Account No. 5026	\$ 66,824,739	\$ 51,356,027
Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 194,485</u>	<u>\$ 198,296</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 69,191,068</u>	<u>\$ 53,386,292</u>

**3. Appropriation: Federal Funds.** All moneys granted to Texas by the federal government for the administration of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act or which are now on deposit to the credit of any funds maintained by the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), and any moneys received for the credit of such funds are appropriated for the purposes authorized by the provisions of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act and for the purposes for which such moneys were granted. TWC shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and Governor of any funds and associated staffing received above the amounts appropriated above for the biennium.

**4. Section 903, Social Security Act Funds.**

- a. Subject to federal law, out of amounts credited to Texas' account in the Federal Unemployment Trust Fund under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, there is included in the appropriation \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for withdrawal and use by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) for the administration of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act and its Public Employment Offices and telecenters. Funds may be used to provide necessary office facilities and automated equipment, to include the purchase of land and construction of buildings, and the construction of improvements on property owned by TWC, including the cost of repairs and alterations to such property and the purchase of computers and related peripheral equipment.
- b. No part of any amounts based on an initial transfer from the federal government that occurred prior to fiscal year 2000 or after fiscal year 2002, appropriated out of amounts credited to Texas' account in the Federal Unemployment Trust Fund under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, shall be expended after the close of the period covered by this Act and any unused portion of such amounts shall, at such close, revert to Texas' said account in the Federal Unemployment Trust Fund. The amount obligated pursuant to this Act shall not exceed at any time the amount by which (a) the aggregate of the amounts transferred to the account of this state pursuant to Section 903 of the Social Security Act exceeds (b) the aggregate of the amounts obligated for administration and paid out for benefits and required by law to be charged against the amounts transferred to the account of this State.
- c. Should federal requirements concerning amounts made available under Section 903 of the Social Security Act change after passage of this Act, the appropriation made in this rider shall be subject to such conditions and limitations as required by the changed federal law.

**5. Payment of Unemployment Benefits - State Agencies.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Workforce Commission charge the Comptroller of Public Accounts only for unemployment benefits paid based on wages earned from agencies appropriated funds under the General Appropriations Act, and that agencies outside the General Appropriations Act be maintained as individual reimbursing employers. For the purposes of this rider, "agency" includes a state agency as defined under Government Code, Section 2151.002, which includes an institution of higher education (except a public junior college) as defined under Education Code, Section 61.003.

**6. Reappropriation of Federal and Local Funds.** All funds received by the Texas Workforce Commission from counties, cities, federal agencies, and from any other local source during the 2026-27 biennium, and all balances from such sources as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act. Earned federal funds are not considered to be federal funds for the purpose of this section.

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**7. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Child Care Funds.** It is the intent of the Legislature that any additional federal funds received as a result of current efforts to obtain child care funds, be used for child care. Except as otherwise provided, all unexpended and unobligated balances in the area of child care remaining from appropriations for the first year of the biennium to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) are appropriated to TWC for the purpose of drawing down all available federal funds for child care. TWC may transfer unexpended and unobligated balances of General Revenue Fund appropriations to Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, in order to match available federal child care funds, which are appropriated to TWC. TWC is subject to the requirements of Article IX, Section 13.01, Federal Funds/Block Grants, for federal child care funds matched with available amounts from the General Revenue Fund, and TWC shall notify the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor in a timely manner of additional amounts from the General Revenue Fund proposed to be used as match and the federal child care funds matched in each year of the 2026-27 biennium, prior to drawing down the additional federal funds. The TWC proposal for use of additional General Revenue Fund amounts shall be considered approved if not disapproved by the LBB or the Governor before:

- a. the 30th business day after the date the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the LBB staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
- b. the 30th business day after receipt of the proposal by the Governor.

**8. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Skills Development and Jobs and Education for Texans (JET).** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of General Revenue Fund and GR-Dedicated Lone Star Workforce of the Future Account No. 5198 appropriations made to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategies B.1.1, Skills Development, and B.1.3, Jobs and Education for Texans (JET), as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

Additionally, notwithstanding the limitations of Article IX, Section 14.01 of the Act, amounts appropriated to TWC above in Strategies B.1.1, Skills Development, and B.1.3, Jobs and Education for Texans (JET), may be transferred between these strategies without limitation, as may be necessary to ensure services are provided to as many eligible participants as possible. Transfers between these strategies require written notification to be provided to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Governor no later than 30 business days after the transfer and a report on transfers (regardless of whether transfers were actually made during that quarter) to be submitted to the LBB and Governor quarterly. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB and the Governor.

**9. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs and Pre-Apprenticeship Career Pathways.** Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.2, Apprenticeship, for the Industry Recognized Apprenticeships and the Pre-Apprenticeship Career Pathways programs remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**10. Maximization of Child Care and Development Funds.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) cooperate with cities, non-profit organizations, the Texas Education Agency, and local school districts to obtain local match necessary to maximize federal funds for child care. In order to maximize the availability of state matching funds for federal child care funds and to encourage local child care planning and match participation, TWC shall use donated purchase agreements and other funding mechanisms, to the extent allowed by federal law and regulations.

**11. Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards shall assist recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families who become employed, and other low-income workers who may qualify for the credit under federal income and other requirements, to apply for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit.

**12. Employment and Child Care Programs in Rural Areas.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards cost-effectively continue to expand the availability of employment and child care programs into rural areas.

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- 13. Job Training Courses.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the primary objective of job training courses offered by the Texas Workforce Commission and local workforce development boards is to prepare individuals for high-skill, high-wage jobs with health benefits that result in long-term employability. Whenever possible, strategies should focus on incorporating industry sectors and/or regional industry clusters in order to promote high-quality jobs. While English as a Second Language may provide additional benefit to trainees, it may not be substituted for job training classes.
- 14. Formal Measures Report.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor on agency performance on Formal Measures prescribed by the Texas Workforce Investment Council. The report shall be submitted with the agency's 4th quarterly performance report and must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the LBB and the Governor.
- 15. Budget and Performance Report.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor on budgeted, expended, and encumbered funds by strategy (and substrategy as appropriate) along with full-time equivalent positions and method of finance information. The report shall also include program performance information for performance measures included in this Act.
- 16. Skills Development and Self-Sufficiency Fund Report.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor on contracts executed by the commission, expenditures, program participants, and closed contracts for each Skills Development Fund and Self-Sufficiency Fund contract. Each report shall be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the LBB and the Governor.
- 17. Contracts for Purchase of Client Services.** No funds appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission may be utilized for contracts for the purchase of program-related client services unless:
- a. such contracts include clearly defined goals, outputs, and measurable outcomes which directly relate to program objectives;
  - b. such contracts include clearly defined sanctions or penalties for noncompliance with contract terms and conditions;
  - c. such contracts specify the accounting, reporting, and auditing requirements applicable to funds received under the contract;
  - d. the agency has implemented a formal program using a risk assessment methodology to monitor compliance with financial and performance requirements under the contract, including a determination of whether performance objectives have been achieved; and
  - e. the agency has implemented a formal program to obtain and evaluate program costs information to ensure that all costs, including administrative costs, are reasonable to achieve program objectives.
- 18. Work-at-Home Employees.** The Texas Workforce Commission may grant compensatory time to authorized employees for overtime work performed at the employee's personal residence and for work performed at the employee's personal residence on state or national holidays. Work performed under this authority shall be approved in advance by the Executive Director and must be verified by appropriate records, which may include audiotapes, computer and telephone logs, and the time tracking and leave accounting system. Compensatory time is only granted when corresponding work is assigned.
- 19. Cash Flow Contingency for Texas Workforce Civil Rights Division.**
- a. Contingent upon the receipt of federal funds allocated under the annual fixed cost performance based contracts and special projects with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and upon the submission of monthly reports on all funds transfers and performance on all key measures to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB), Governor, and Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA), the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) may temporarily utilize additional amounts from the General Revenue Fund, pending the receipt of federal reimbursement, in an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the amount as specified in the



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notification letter of federal award to be received in each year of the biennium. The General Revenue amounts utilized above the General Revenue Fund method of finance must be repaid upon receipt of federal reimbursement and shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be in accordance with procedures established by the CPA. All transfers of the method of finance shall be reported by the TWC Civil Rights Division to the LBB.

- b. TWC Civil Rights Division may temporarily utilize additional amounts from the General Revenue Funds pending reimbursement through interagency contracts in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the estimated interagency contract receipts to be received each year of the biennium to be adjusted by actual contract amounts. The General Revenue Fund amounts utilized above the General Revenue method of finance must be repaid upon receipt of interagency contract reimbursement and shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. These transfers and repayments shall be in accordance with procedures established by the CPA. Any contract balance at the end of the first fiscal year of the biennium is appropriated to the second fiscal year of the biennium.

- 20. Limitation on Texas Fair Housing Act Investigations or Prosecutions.** No funds appropriated by this Act may be used to investigate or prosecute under the Texas Fair Housing Act any otherwise lawful activity, engaged in by one or more persons, that is engaged solely for the purpose of preventing action by a government official or court of competent jurisdiction.
- 21. Child Care Benefit Costs Paid with Federal Funds.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall pay all benefit costs to the Employees Retirement System related to full-time equivalents (FTE) for salaries in Strategy B.3.2, Child Care Administration, with Federal Funds. No funds shall be paid for salaries in Strategies A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, or A.3.3, Child Care for DFPS Families.
- 22. Local Matching Funds.** Child Care Matching Federal Funds appropriated above are based upon an estimated local match of \$41,353,026 in fiscal year 2026 and \$41,353,026 in fiscal year 2027.
- 23. Employment and Training Investment Assessment Reimbursement.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.4.1, Unemployment Services, include an estimated amount of \$386,230 in fiscal year 2026 and \$386,230 in fiscal year 2027 in GR-Dedicated Employment and Training Investment Holding Account No. 5128 for the purpose of reimbursing the Federal Government for collection costs associated with the Employment and Training Investment Assessment in compliance with the collection cost methodology approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- 24. Professional Development Partnerships for Early Childhood Education.** Out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission shall transfer via interagency contract \$500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the Texas Education Agency to fund the management of early childhood education partnerships projects, including the award of stipends, facilitate increased participation in professional development by early childhood education professionals, and encourage those professionals to seek additional education.
- 25. The Women's Institute for Technology Employment Training.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, the Texas Workforce Commission shall allocate \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 to the Women's Institute for Technology Employment Training to support comprehensive program with statewide activity funds to develop curriculum, courses, and programs to prepare single women with children who are economically disadvantaged or on state or federal assistance, for entry-level jobs and careers in Texas manufacturing and technology based industries.
- 26. School Readiness Models.** Out of federal funds appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, TWC shall match the amounts available from the General Revenue Fund for the Early Childhood School Readiness Programs funded in the bill pattern of the Texas Education Agency (TEA), as referenced in TEA Rider 40, Early Childhood School Readiness Program, to provide for each year of the 2026-27 state fiscal biennium a total amount equal to the greater of \$11,700,000, or the maximum amount allowable under the approved match rate for the purpose of providing funds to child care providers participating in integrated school readiness models developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. If General Revenue Fund amounts are not available and notwithstanding other GAA requirements, out of

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federal funds appropriated to TWC in Strategy A.3.2, Child Care Quality Activities, TWC shall provide for each year of the 2026-27 state fiscal biennium the maximum amount allowable under federal guidelines, and not less than \$11,700,000 in each year, for the purpose of providing funds to child care providers participating in the integrated school readiness models developed by the State Center for Early Childhood Development at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the State Center for Early Childhood Development shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor the detailed use of all state funds expended by the center for early childhood education services.

**27. Contingent Revenue Career Schools and Colleges Regulation.**

- (a) In addition to the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategy B.3.6, Career Schools and Colleges, TWC is appropriated any additional revenues (estimated to be \$0) generated through the regulation of career schools and colleges and deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund (Object Code 3509) in excess of \$1,701,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,701,000 in fiscal year 2027 contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts Biennial Revenue Estimate. Additional amounts appropriated each fiscal year from any additional revenues may not exceed \$208,000. These funds shall be used for enhancing the regulation of career schools and colleges.
- (b) No increase in appropriated amounts in excess of \$1,701,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,701,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall occur for any year in which TWC has approved an increase in the annual renewal fee rate.

**28. Professional Development for Early Childhood Education.** Out of federal Child Care Development Funds (CCDF) appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission shall dedicate \$1,500,000 in the 2026-27 biennium for programs that encourage increased participation in continuing professional development for early childhood professionals. Funding may be used to fund teacher training programs, programs that lead to a national credential in early childhood education, or work-study programs in child care. Funding may also be used for pilot programs that utilize tools for individualized instruction coupled with professional development components that support ongoing learning for teachers.

**29. Adult Education.** Priority shall be given to adult literacy programs and may be given to adult literacy programs that include training in financial literacy, digital literacy, and occupational foundation skills in the expenditure of adult education funds appropriated above. It is the intent of the Legislature that, in providing educational programs, the administering agency or agencies shall provide appropriate training to recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in accordance with the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. Out of the Federal TANF funds appropriated above in Strategy A.2.1, Adult Education and Family Literacy, \$5,800,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,800,000 in fiscal year 2027 shall be directed for services for adults who are eligible for TANF. Families that include a child living at home are deemed eligible for TANF-funded adult education services if a family member receives any of the following forms of assistance: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Child Care and Development Fund, or Free or Reduced Price Child Nutrition Program meals.

TWC shall coordinate with the Higher Education Coordinating Board in efforts to develop and implement an action plan to align Adult Basic Education and post-secondary education and in the provision of data necessary to analyze performance outcomes.

Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to fiscal year 2027, for the same purpose.

**30. Statewide Strategic Plan for Adult Basic Education.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), in consultation with the Texas Workforce Investment Council (TWIC), shall develop a comprehensive statewide strategic plan, including goals and objectives, to address the projected future demand for adult education in Texas, gaps in the adult education system, improved efficiency of coordinated activities between state agencies, increased education and work-related outcomes for adult education students, and the types of programs and instruction necessary to help prepare adults for 21st century work and life. TWC shall report on the implementation and annual progress of this plan to TWIC, the Governor, and the Legislative Budget Board in December of every even numbered year.

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**31. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2110.004, reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above, not to exceed the amounts stated below per fiscal year, is limited to the following advisory committees:

Rehabilitation Council of Texas	\$58,350
Elected Committee of Managers	\$22,000
Purchasing From People with Disabilities Advisory Committee	\$11,000
Industry-Based Certification Advisory Council	\$7,200
Texas Early Learning Council	\$15,000

To the maximum extent possible, the Texas Workforce Commission shall encourage the use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing and shall schedule meetings and locations to facilitate the travel of participants so that they may return the same day and reduce the need to reimburse members for overnight stays.

**32. Notification of Vocational Rehabilitation Federal Funds Distribution.**

- (a) The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor at least 30 calendar days prior to:
  - (1) requesting additional federal funding for the Vocational Rehabilitation program; or
  - (2) any intent to redirect General Revenue Funds for funding for the Vocational Rehabilitation program .
- (b) The request and notification required by Subsection (a) of this rider shall include:
  - (1) the purpose for the additional federal funding;
  - (2) the original purpose and item of appropriation for which the General Revenue Funds were appropriated;
  - (3) the effect on measures and/or full-time-equivalent positions for all affected strategies; and
  - (4) the effect on future maintenance of effort and match requirements.
- (c)
  - (1) The Texas Workforce Commission may not increase the state's maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement for Vocational Rehabilitation by more than \$5.0 million without prior written approval of the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. To request approval, the agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that includes the following information:
    - (A) A detailed explanation of the need to increase the state's MOE requirement; and
    - (B) The impact that the increase will have on future MOE requirements.
  - (2) The request shall be considered approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the request and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the Speaker of the House, and the Lieutenant Governor.
- (d) No federal funds may be drawn and expended by utilizing as matching funds any General Revenue Funds appropriated for the subsequent state fiscal year.
- (e) Notwithstanding the above, out of the General Revenue funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation, \$30,793,540 may be used to draw down all available federal funds from the federal fiscal year 2025 award.

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### 33. Vocational Rehabilitation Reporting Requirements.

- a. **Federal Reports.** The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall submit the following information to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor no later than the date the respective report is submitted to the federal government:
  - (1) Notification of proposed State Plan amendments or waivers for Vocational Rehabilitation (CFDA 84.126). State Plan amendments and waiver submissions shall also be provided to the Senate Health and Human Services, House Human Services, and House Public Health committees.
  - (2) A copy of each report or petition submitted to the federal government relating to Vocational Rehabilitation (CFDA 84.126).
  - (3) Any other federal reports requested by the LBB or the Governor.
- b. **Federal Issues.** TWC shall notify the LBB and the Governor on a timely basis about emerging issues that could result in the loss of more than \$1 million in federal revenue assumed in this Act.

### 34. Vocational Rehabilitation Maintenance of Effort and Matching Funds Reporting

**Requirement.** The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall report quarterly to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor on state funds used for match and maintenance of effort (MOE) for federal Vocational Rehabilitation (CFDA 84.126). Each report shall detail funds for the current fiscal year and at least the two previous fiscal years. The reports shall specify:

- a. State funds within and outside the department's budget used for match and MOE. This includes expenditures at the Health and Human Services Commission.
- b. Federal Funds within and outside the department's budget matched by state funds identified in the previous section.

The reports shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB.

### 35. Appropriation: GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Trust Fund Account No. 5043.

Amounts above in Strategy B.2.2, Business Enterprises of Texas, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a retirement and benefits plan for blind or visually impaired vendors as defined in the federal Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC, Section 107). Any amounts in addition to the amount identified in Strategy B.2.2, Business Enterprises of Texas, necessary to make retirement and benefits payments in conformity with the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC, Section 107) and Labor Code, Section 355.016, are appropriated to TWC. None of the funds appropriated in GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Trust Fund Account No. 5043, or through this rider may be transferred to any other strategy. TWC shall report quarterly on deposits into and expenditures out of the GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Trust Fund Account No. 5043, including identification of the purpose for the expenditure, to the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

### 36. Appropriation: Subrogation Receipts.

Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation, are subrogation collections received during the 2026-27 biennium from vocational rehabilitation cases. Subrogation receipts collected above the amounts appropriated in each year are appropriated to the agency for client services in the program from which the subrogation collections were generated (estimated to be \$0).

### 37. Performance Reporting for the Business Enterprises of Texas Program.

The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit an annual report by October 1 to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor on:

- a. The results of the survey distributed to state host agencies on satisfaction of operational conditions such as pricing requirements, hours of operations, menu items, and product lines; and
- b. The total cost incurred by each state host agency for the operation of Business Enterprises of Texas cafeterias, snack bars, and convenience stores. Reported costs should include the value

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of the space used, maintenance costs, utility costs, janitorial costs and the method of finance for each cost. An outline of the methodology that was used to determine the final estimate should also be included in the report.

The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB and the Governor.

- 38. Blind Endowment Trust Fund Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission shall submit an annual report by October 1 to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor that identifies donations to the Blind Endowment Fund No. 493 (Other Funds). The report shall include the intended purpose of each donation if specified by the donor, actual expenditures and uses, and remaining balances. The report shall be prepared in a format specified by the LBB and the Governor.
- 39. Language Interpreter Services.** In order to compensate employees of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) for assuming the duty of providing interpreter services to consumers whose primary language is not English, TWC, upon written authorization of the commission, may, from funds appropriated above, increase the salary of classified employees by an amount equal to a one step increase, or 3.25 percent, so long as the resulting salary rate does not exceed the rate designated as the maximum rate for the applicable salary group. This increase shall be granted only for the regular provision of interpreter services above and beyond the regular duties of the position, and shall be removed when these services are, for whatever reason, no longer provided by the employee or when they are no longer needed by the facility. Salary increases provided for this purpose are not merit increases and shall not affect an employee's eligibility to receive a merit increase. This authorization also includes employees who provide interpreter services in American Sign Language.
- 40. Health and Human Services Commission Partnership.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation, \$8,586,875 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,586,875 in fiscal year 2027 may be used by the Texas Workforce Commission only for the purpose of payment to the Health and Human Services Commission for an interagency agreement made for the purpose of funding independent living services for people with disabilities authorized under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 796 et seq.).
- 41. Rapid Response Workforce Development Services.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, up to \$5,000,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund may be used to provide grants to public junior colleges and public technical colleges to develop customized training programs specific to business needs, training equipment that leads to certification and employment, fast track curriculum development, instructor certification, and rapid response workforce development support for growing or recruiting businesses to a rural or urban community.
- 42. Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Child Care Reporting Requirement.** The Texas Workforce Commission shall submit a monthly report to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and DFPS on budgeted and actual expenditures as well as budgeted and actual caseload totals for the children in the DFPS state care program. The report shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the LBB and accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the LBB.
- 43. Adult Literacy Report.** Out of funds appropriated above, as a part of the report required and in addition to the outcomes specified under Labor Code, Section 315.002(c), the Texas Workforce Commission shall analyze and report to the Legislature on December 1 of each even-numbered year on adult literacy activities and performance measures for the Adult Education and Family Literacy program. The report shall identify the types of literacy programs conducted by providers and the measurable outcomes on literacy performed by the program. The report must be accompanied by supporting documentation as specified by the Legislative Budget Board.
- 44. Skilled Workforce Development and Training Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, the Texas Workforce Commission shall expend \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 to form collaborative partnerships with organizations that:
- are exempt from federal income taxation;
  - are composed of individuals or groups of individuals who have expertise in workforce development and training;

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- c. are located in and serve urban centers in this state;
- d. are training sponsors accredited by the National Center for Construction Education and Research;
- e. provide industry-specific employment readiness training;
- f. provide a basic introduction to industry skills with curricula consisting of industry-specific modules that cover various trade skills topics, including basic safety and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliance, industry- or trade-specific math training, industry- or trade-specific tools training, basic communication skills, and basic employability skills;
- g. target minority groups in underserved communities; and
- h. have proven experience in administering training programs described by this rider through contracting with state agencies or political subdivisions.

**45. Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Acquisition of Information Resource Technology and Legacy Modernization.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of capital budget remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the 2024-25 biennium for the Unemployment Insurance Improvements, Workforce Solutions Improvements, Operations Infrastructure, and Child Care Application projects (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated for the next fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

**46. Federal and State Funds for Digital Inclusion.** Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall ensure that digital skill building is an explicitly permitted use of existing workforce development grant programs and TWC shall utilize federal funds to provide digital skill building, device access, and digital support for workers in workforce development programs.

**47. Unemployment Insurance Claimant Data for Targeted Digital Skill Building.** Out of funds appropriated for Strategy B.4.1, Unemployment Services, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall collect and report unemployment insurance claim counts by type: internet, phone, and other. Claims count data by type shall be disaggregated by age, education, race/ethnicity, sex, and the occupations of individuals requesting benefits by region. The data shall be used to target individuals for digital skills training or retraining and the data shall be reported publicly on the TWC website.

**48. Apprenticeship and Internship Opportunities for People with Disabilities.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategies B.1.2, Apprenticeship, and B.2.1, Vocational Rehabilitation, the Texas Workforce Commission shall conduct an inventory of all current apprenticeship and internship opportunities for people with disabilities. The inventory should include:

- (a) The number and type of apprenticeship opportunities currently available;
- (b) The number and type of intern opportunities currently available;
- (c) The length of program;
- (d) The age ranges of the participants;
- (e) Whether the employer is a public or private entity;
- (f) The geographic distribution of the programs;
- (g) How the programs are funded;
- (h) How the opportunities are publicized;
- (i) The number of individuals with disabilities that obtained full time employment as a result of the intern or apprentice program.

The inventory shall be made available to the Rehabilitation Council of Texas and the Texas Legislature by October 1 of every even-numbered year.

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**49. Employer and Community Based Organization Partnerships.** Out of amounts appropriated above to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to implement a program with community based organizations in partnership with employers to move Texans off of public benefits and into the workforce. This program will target residents without housing and employment and move them into permanent employment. In selecting a community based organization, TWC shall consider:

- (a) the number of persons served by a qualifying entity in the program year must be no fewer than 700 unique individuals;
- (b) the number of persons served by a qualifying entity who have obtained regular employment at or above 125 percent of federal poverty income guidelines must be no fewer than 50 percent of the total number of individuals returned to the workforce; and
- (c) the number of employers who will commit to hiring individuals upon exit of the program must be no fewer than 100 employers.

In implementing this provision, the TWC may use other requirements deemed appropriate and necessary.

**50. Cross Agency Coordination on Apprenticeship and Work-Based Learning Funding.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) shall work with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to identify available funding sources that may be coordinated and streamlined to increase the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.

- (a) Available funding sources may include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
  - (2) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
  - (3) Every Student Succeeds Act
  - (4) Adult Education and Family Literacy Act
  - (5) Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grants
  - (6) Skills Development Fund
  - (7) Jobs and Education for Texans
  - (8) Self-Sufficiency Fund
- (b) TWC in coordination with TEA and THECB shall report the following to the Legislative Budget Board, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and the Office of the Governor, and shall post the report on the Commission's website, no later than August 31, 2026:
  - (1) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs available in Texas, including the numbers by which these programs increased compared to the previous fiscal year.
  - (2) The number and types of apprenticeships and work-based learning programs in Texas that are currently supported by more than one available funding source in the list established in (b)(3) of this section.
  - (3) A list of available funding sources identified that may support apprenticeships and work-based learning programs.
  - (4) agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that may be amended to allow coordination of multiple available funding sources that support work-based learning programs, including:

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- (A) Streamlining separate accountability and reporting requirements across different grant programs and available funding sources to eliminate duplicative oversight for grant recipients.
  - (B) Awarding a combined grant that is funded by multiple available funding sources in accordance with state and federal requirements to minimize the number of different grant programs through which eligible applicants must apply.
  - (C) Using a common application process in accordance with state and federal requirements for grant awards that are funded by multiple available funding sources to simplify the process for applicants who are eligible and interested in applying for different grant programs.
  - (D) Recommendations that allow for further coordination of state and federal funding sources.
- (5) The progress on implementation of agency and cross-agency grant-making policies and practices that lead to an increase in the number and availability of apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities.
- (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that TWC shall work with TEA and THECB to implement agency and cross-agency policies and practices identified in the report in subsection (b). For any policies and practices agencies are unable to implement, TWC shall include the rationales detailing the agency barriers, and recommendations to address those barriers, in the report required by subsection (b).

**51. Appropriation: GR-Dedicated Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492.** Amounts appropriated above out of Business Enterprise Program Account No. 492 are estimated revenues and receipts from an assessment of net proceeds from each vending facility in the program, in accordance with the Randolph-Sheppard Act at 34 C.F.R. § 395.1(s). The Texas Workforce Commission is appropriated any additional revenues (estimated to be \$0) for the purpose of maintenance and replacement of equipment and other allowable program expenditures.

**52. Enhanced Workforce Data System.** Amounts appropriated above in B.3.3., Labor Market and Career Information include \$1,053,512 in fiscal year 2026 and \$518,816 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of implementation of recommendations pursuant to Texas Workforce Commission's Rider 52, Additional Workforce Data Report, 2024-25 General Appropriations Act, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, the Texas Workforce Commission shall make necessary upgrades to the state unemployment insurance data system and associated information technology and staffing costs to allow for enhanced reporting of employment and earnings data as part of routine wage filings required by the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

**53. Chapter 133 Apprenticeship Training Program.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.2., Apprenticeship, include \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the Texas Workforce Commission to serve additional participants in the Chapter 133 Apprentice Training Program.

**54. Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, include \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the purpose of providing funding for emergency medical response service staffing, including:
  - (1) Funding for programs to incentivize and increase the number of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedical that provide care on an ambulance.
  - (2) Funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education programs, including distance learning programs, to increase the number of EMTs and paramedics graduating from EMS education programs.
- (b) Of amounts appropriated in each fiscal year under Subsection (a) of this section, Texas Workforce Commission must use at least \$1,500,000 to provide grants to EMS employers or state-certified EMS training providers for the purposes of providing scholarships for EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, and Paramedic students.



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- (c) It is the intent of the legislature that, consistent with state law, the Texas Workforce Commission prioritize funding appropriated under Subsection (a) of this section for rural and underserved areas.
- (d) Any unexpended balances in appropriations made to Strategy B.1.1, Skills Development, for the Emergency Medical Response Service Staffing Program remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Texas Workforce Commission for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**55. Certified Caregiver Pilot Program.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.3.1, Local Child Care Solutions, include \$450,000 out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 to provide certified caregiver services during evening hours for up to six months under the oversight of Workforce Borderplex Solutions.

**56. Statewide Expansion of Leadership Development Program.** Out of funds appropriated above in Strategy B.3.1, State Workforce Services, \$250,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$250,000 in fiscal year 2027 in General Revenue Funds for the Texas Workforce Commission shall be allocated for the creation of leadership development programs, organizing forums, hosting leadership dialogues, and fostering partnerships to drive solutions to critical issues such as workforce development, economic opportunity, education, governmental effectiveness, and infrastructure across the state. The Texas Workforce Commission shall select the organization responsible for the expansion of this initiative.

The organization shall submit an annual report to the Texas Workforce Commission by September 1 of each fiscal year beginning September 1, 2027, detailing the following:

- (a) The number of leaders engaged in the program, disaggregated by sector (business, government, education, non-profit) and demographic indicators (e.g. diversity, regional representation).
- (b) Outcomes from leadership development programs, including leading and participating in community initiatives, policy initiatives, and regional collaborations.
- (c) Programmatic achievements, challenges, and key partnerships developed through the statewide expansion.
- (d) Future plans for further statewide expansion and the development of new leadership initiatives, collaborations and strategic partnerships that are responsive to regional needs throughout Texas.

REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
GR Dedicated - Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ 4,078,315	\$ 4,085,809
Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165	\$ 11,025,632	\$ 11,045,891
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 15,103,947</u>	<u>\$ 15,131,700</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

**REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT**  
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** STATE'S UC REIMBURSEMENT

Reimburse UC Benefit Account 937 for UC Paid to Former State Employees.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE'S UC REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 15,103,947	\$ 15,131,700
Reimburse UC Benefit Account 937 for UC Paid to Former State Employees.		

<b>Grand Total, REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT</b>	<u>\$ 15,103,947</u>	<u>\$ 15,131,700</u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Other Personnel Costs	\$ 15,103,947	\$ 15,131,700
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<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 15,103,947</u>	<u>\$ 15,131,700</u>
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- 1. Definition of Agency.** For the purposes of the Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account item, "agency" includes a state agency as defined under Government Code, Section 2151.002, which includes an institution of higher education (except a public junior college) as defined under Education Code, Section 61.003.
- 2. Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937.**  
Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937 shall be made from:

  - a. Funds identified as GR-Dedicated - Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 above, which consist of penalty and interest receipts collected under Texas Labor Code, Sections 213.021 and 213.022.
  - b. Funds identified as Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 above, which consist of amounts transferred from other agencies' appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to state agencies in accordance with Section 15.01, Reimbursements for Unemployment Benefits, in General Provisions of this Act.
- 3. Funding Source for Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165.**  
Funds identified in the method of financing above, Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165, include penalty and interest receipts collected under Texas Labor Code, Sections 213.021 and 213.022 and authorized for the payment of unemployment compensation benefits to former state employees pursuant to Texas Labor Code, Section 213.022. These amounts are estimated and are to be utilized for amounts not paid by state agency reimbursements.
- 4. Funding Source for Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165.** Funds identified in the method of financing above, Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165, include agency reimbursements from appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to GR-Dedicated Account No. 165. These amounts are estimated. Account No. 165 shall be reimbursed for one-half of the unemployment benefits paid from appropriations made in this Act to the state agency that previously employed each respective former state employee whose payroll warrants were originally issued in whole or in part from the General Revenue Fund, a General Revenue-Dedicated Account, Federal Funds or Other Funds, such as State Highway Fund No. 006.
- 5. Proportionality Requirements for Agency Reimbursements related to Unemployment Compensation Benefits.** From information related to unemployment benefits paid on behalf of previously employed former state employees provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Comptroller shall determine the proportionate amount of the reimbursement or payment due from the General Revenue Fund, any General Revenue-Dedicated Accounts, Federal Funds or Other Funds from appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to state agencies. The Comptroller shall transfer these amounts of appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165. The amounts reimbursed pursuant to this provision are appropriated to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 for the purpose of reimbursing the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937. These reimbursement requirements may be waived, either in whole or in part, by the Legislative Budget Board.

REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION BENEFIT ACCOUNT  
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6. **Cash Flow Contingency.** Contingent upon the receipt of state agency reimbursements, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) may temporarily utilize additional GR-Dedicated Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 funds, in an amount not to exceed the anticipated state agency reimbursement. The Account No. 165 amounts utilized above amounts appropriated from penalty and interest collections as identified in Rider 2(a) must be repaid upon receipt of state agency reimbursements for previously paid payroll warrants and shall be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow needs. These transfers and repayments shall be credited to the fiscal year being reimbursed and shall be made in accordance with established state accounting procedures. All transfers of the method of finance shall be reported by the TWC on a monthly basis to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,253,198	\$ 10,242,799
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 6,657,786	\$ 7,171,109
Federal Funds	\$ 93,492,647	\$ 101,121,343
<u>Other Funds</u>		
State Highway Fund No. 006	\$ 343,401,368	\$ 371,310,181
Other Special State Funds	<u>20,433,111</u>	<u>21,795,001</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 363,834,479</u>	<u>\$ 393,105,182</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 473,238,110</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 511,640,433</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$ 132,971,490	\$ 134,139,047
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u>340,266,620</u>	<u>377,501,386</u>
Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>	<u>\$ 473,238,110</u>	<u>\$ 511,640,433</u>
<b>Grand Total, RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE</b>	<u><u>\$ 473,238,110</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 511,640,433</u></u>

SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,421,798	\$ 4,456,200
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 2,078,923	\$ 2,095,800
Federal Funds	\$ 18,084,964	\$ 18,236,058
<u>Other Funds</u>		
State Highway Fund No. 006	\$ 79,124,289	\$ 79,749,159
Other Special State Funds	<u>6,141,854</u>	<u>6,209,730</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 85,266,143</u>	<u>\$ 85,958,889</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 109,851,828</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 110,746,947</u></u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**  
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**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT  
Comptroller - Social Security.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	\$ 109,496,316	\$ 110,457,915
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>355,512</u>	<u>289,032</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 109,851,828</u>	<u>\$ 110,746,947</u>
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<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>\$ 109,851,828</u>	<u>\$ 110,746,947</u>
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**BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 6,241,892</u>	<u>\$ 5,549,253</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 6,241,892</u>	<u>\$ 5,549,253</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE To Texas Public Finance Authority for Pmt of Bond Debt Svc.	<u>\$ 6,241,892</u>	<u>\$ 5,549,253 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> BOND DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 6,241,892</u>	<u>\$ 5,549,253</u>

**LEASE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 4,670,217</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,777</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 4,670,217</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,777</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS To TFC for Payment to TPFA.	<u>\$ 4,670,217</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,777 &amp; UB</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 4,670,217</u>	<u>\$ 5,021,777</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VII  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 14,905,210	\$ 14,278,967
Texas Lottery Commission	2,599,745	2,599,745
Department of Motor Vehicles	51,033,262	51,645,864
Department of Transportation	103,985,000	48,885,000
Texas Workforce Commission	<u>288,147,185</u>	<u>291,166,640</u>
Subtotal, Business and Economic Development	\$ 460,670,402	\$ 408,576,216
Retirement and Group Insurance	9,253,198	10,242,799
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>4,421,798</u>	<u>4,456,200</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 13,674,996	\$ 14,698,999
Bond Debt Service Payments	6,241,892	5,549,253
Lease Payments	<u>4,670,217</u>	<u>5,021,777</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	<u>\$ 10,912,109</u>	<u>\$ 10,571,030</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VII - BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$ 485,257,507</u>	<u>\$ 433,846,245</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VII  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Texas Lottery Commission	\$ 320,169,649	\$ 342,263,911
Department of Transportation	730,218	730,218
Texas Workforce Commission	9,057,317	9,057,316
Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account	<u>4,078,315</u>	<u>4,085,809</u>
Subtotal, Business and Economic Development	\$ 334,035,499	\$ 356,137,254
Retirement and Group Insurance	6,657,786	7,171,109
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>2,078,923</u>	<u>2,095,800</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 8,736,709</u>	<u>\$ 9,266,909</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VII - BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$ 342,772,208</u>	<u>\$ 365,404,163</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VII  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 441,976,613	\$ 379,338,925
Department of Transportation	6,272,486,262	5,798,882,182
Texas Workforce Commission	<u>2,469,236,270</u>	<u>2,553,708,959</u>
Subtotal, Business and Economic Development	\$ 9,183,699,145	\$ 8,731,930,066
Retirement and Group Insurance	93,492,647	101,121,343
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>18,084,964</u>	<u>18,236,058</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ <u>111,577,611</u>	\$ <u>119,357,401</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VII - BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$ 9,295,276,756</u>	<u>\$ 8,851,287,467</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VII  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(Other Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 30,880,298	\$ 29,671,927
Department of Motor Vehicles	219,534,964	211,326,818
Department of Transportation	14,797,102,499	12,875,608,135
Texas Workforce Commission	60,446,001	59,971,940
Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account	<u>11,025,632</u>	<u>11,045,891</u>
Subtotal, Business and Economic Development	\$ 15,118,989,394	\$ 13,187,624,711
Retirement and Group Insurance	363,834,479	393,105,182
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>85,266,143</u>	<u>85,958,889</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 449,100,622	\$ 479,064,071
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 73,513,171</u>	<u>\$ 73,544,912</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VII - BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$ 15,494,576,845</u>	<u>\$ 13,593,143,870</u>



**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VII  
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 487,762,121	\$ 423,289,819
Texas Lottery Commission	322,769,394	344,863,656
Department of Motor Vehicles	270,568,226	262,972,682
Department of Transportation	21,174,303,979	18,724,105,535
Texas Workforce Commission	2,826,886,773	2,913,904,855
Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account	<u>15,103,947</u>	<u>15,131,700</u>
Subtotal, Business and Economic Development	\$ 25,097,394,440	\$ 22,684,268,247
Retirement and Group Insurance	473,238,110	511,640,433
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>109,851,828</u>	<u>110,746,947</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 583,089,938	\$ 622,387,380
Bond Debt Service Payments	6,241,892	5,549,253
Lease Payments	<u>4,670,217</u>	<u>5,021,777</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 10,912,109	\$ 10,571,030
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 73,513,171</u>	<u>\$ 73,544,912</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VII - BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	<u>\$ 25,617,883,316</u>	<u>\$ 23,243,681,745</u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	19,918.0	19,914.0



ARTICLE VIII

REGULATORY

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated regulatory agencies.

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 8,193,909	\$ 8,199,321
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>4,542,615</u>	<u>4,542,615</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 4,557,615</u>	<u>\$ 4,557,615</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,751,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,756,936</u></u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	121.0	121.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Chief Administrative Law Judge, Group 5	\$184,805	\$184,805
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>		
Provide for a Fair and Efficient Administrative Hearings Process.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CONDUCT HEARINGS</b>	\$ 10,503,726	\$ 10,509,138
Conduct Hearings and Prepare Proposals for Decisions and Final Orders.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: CONDUCT ALT DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b>	<u>270,288</u>	<u>270,288</u>
Conduct Alternative Dispute Resolution Proceedings.		
<b>Total, Goal A: ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>	\$ 10,774,014	\$ 10,779,426
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 1,977,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,977,510</u>
<b>Grand Total, STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,751,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,756,936</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,682,207	\$ 10,682,207
Other Personnel Costs	241,900	241,900
Professional Fees and Services	225,314	230,725
Consumable Supplies	16,500	16,500
Utilities	25,725	25,725
Travel	52,000	52,000
Rent - Building	380,100	380,100
Rent - Machine and Other	17,500	17,500
Other Operating Expense	<u>1,110,278</u>	<u>1,110,279</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 12,751,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,756,936</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 956,150	\$ 964,579
Group Insurance	1,776,531	1,823,843

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
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Social Security	766,675	773,431
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,036</u>	<u>1,656</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><b>\$ 3,501,392</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 3,563,509</b></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the State Office of Administrative Hearings. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Office of Administrative Hearings. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the State Office of Administrative Hearings shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Participants Surveyed Expressing Satisfaction with Overall Process	92%	92%
Percentage of Proposed Decisions Related to Tax Hearings Issued by Administrative Law Judges within 60 Days of Record Closing	100%	100%
Percentage of Participants Surveyed Satisfied with Overall Alternative Dispute Resolution Process	95%	95%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: CONDUCT HEARINGS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Hours Billed (both for General Docket Hearings and Administrative License Revocation Hearings)	76,943	76,943
Number of Administrative License Revocation Cases Disposed	25,390	25,390
Number of General Docket Cases Disposed	3,239	3,239
Percent of Available Administrative Law Judge Time Spent on Case Work	80%	80%
Number of Proposals for Decision Related to Tax Hearings Issued by Administrative Law Judges	250	250
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days from Close of Record to Issuance of Proposal for Decision or Final Order Issuance	35	35
Median Number of Days to Dispose Case	75	75
Average Length of Time (Days) Taken to Issue a Proposed Decision Related to Tax Hearings Following Record Closing	9	9
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Administrative License Revocation Cases Received	25,390	25,390
Number of General Docket Cases Received	3,239	3,239
Number of Agencies Served	50	50
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: CONDUCT ALT DISPUTE RESOLUTION</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Median Number of Days to Dispose Alternative Dispute Resolution Cases	90	90
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Alternative Dispute Resolution Cases Requested or Referred	150	150

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in the provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Equipment Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Services	<u>\$ 86,314</u>	<u>\$ 91,725</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 86,314</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 91,725</u></u>

**STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**  
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Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund	\$ 86,314	\$ 91,725
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 86,314	\$ 91,725

- 3. Benefit Collection.** Agencies that enter into contracts with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), for the purpose of performing the hearings function, and make payments to SOAH from funding sources other than the General Revenue Fund, must reimburse SOAH for employee benefit costs for salaries and wages. These reimbursements to SOAH will then be paid to the General Revenue Fund in proportion to the source of funds from which the respective salary or wage is paid.
- 4. Contingency Appropriation for Expanded Jurisdiction.** Contingent on the enactment of legislation by the Eighty-ninth Legislature transferring the hearings functions of other state agencies to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), or otherwise expanding the jurisdiction of the office, SOAH may expend funds transferred to the office from those agencies or funds appropriated for the purpose of handling the expanded jurisdiction, pursuant to provisions elsewhere in this Act. Appropriations authorized pursuant to this provision may be expended only to implement the transferred functions or expanded jurisdiction. All funds collected by SOAH as payment for, or reimbursement of, the office's costs of providing services to other state agencies or governmental entities, or others as directed by the Legislature, are appropriated to SOAH for use in expanded jurisdiction cases during the biennium. Any unexpended balances related to the transferring of hearing functions to SOAH or expanding jurisdiction of the office as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 5. Hearings Activity Report.** By May 1st and November 1st of each fiscal year, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor a report detailing hearings activity conducted during the prior two fiscal year quarters. The report shall indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, for each agency served by method of finance, the projected and actual person hours allocated to the agency's cases and the cost, both direct and indirect, of conducting the hearings. The report shall also indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, for each agency served, the projected and actual number of cases received, the number of cases disposed, and the median number of calendar days between the date a case is received by SOAH and the date the case is finally disposed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board during the reporting period.
- 6. Billing Rate for Workload.**
- a. Unless otherwise provided, amounts appropriated above and elsewhere in this Act for funding for the payment of costs associated with administrative hearings conducted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) are based on SOAH's actual hourly costs. SOAH's billing rate shall not exceed \$165 per hour for each hour of work performed during each fiscal year.
  - b. Contingent upon additional agencies becoming self-directed semi-independent (SDSI) agencies during the 2026-27 biennium, any agency becoming an SDSI agency that is listed in this rider shall be removed from the exemption granted below.
  - c. Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Conduct Hearings, to SOAH from the General Revenue Fund include funding in each year of the biennium for billable casework hours performed by SOAH for conducting administrative hearings at the rate determined by SOAH and approved by the Legislature for those agencies that do not have appropriations for paying SOAH costs for administrative hearings and are not subject to subsection (a) of this Section:
    - (1) Department of Agriculture
    - (2) Department of Public Safety
    - (3) Employees Retirement System of Texas
    - (4) Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners
    - (5) Parks and Wildlife Department
    - (6) Public Utility Commission of Texas (not including waste water cases)
    - (7) Secretary of State
    - (8) State Board of Dental Examiners
    - (9) State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

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- (10) State Pension Review Board
- (11) State Securities Board
- (12) Teacher Retirement System of Texas
- (13) Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- (14) Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
- (15) Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- (16) Texas Board of Nursing
- (17) Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists
- (18) Texas Commission on Fire Protection
- (19) Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
- (20) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
- (21) Texas Department of Insurance (not including the Division of Workers' Compensation)
- (22) Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation
- (23) Texas Department of Transportation
- (24) Texas Funeral Service Commission
- (25) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- (26) Texas Lottery Commission
- (27) Texas Medical Board
- (28) Texas Optometry Board
- (29) Texas Racing Commission
- (30) Texas State Board of Pharmacy
- (31) Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners

7. **Unexpended Balances in Interagency Contracts.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in Interagency Contracts (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

All unexpended and unobligated balances appropriated in Interagency Contracts to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for fiscal year 2026 and remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,630,064	\$ 4,631,997
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,176,000	\$ 1,176,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 5,806,064</u>	<u>\$ 5,807,997</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,497,734	\$ 1,439,662
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	64.0	64.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> LICENSURE		
Protect Public through Quality Program of Licensure.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSING	\$ 3,241,649	\$ 3,243,102
Operate Quality Program of Licensure.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	<u>210,350</u>	<u>210,350</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> LICENSURE	\$ 3,451,999	\$ 3,453,452

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
(Continued)

<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
Protect the Public through Enforcement of Laws and Rules.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>	\$	2,114,090
Operate A Quality Investigation/Enforcement Program.	\$	2,114,570
<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$	239,975
<b>Grand Total, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</b>	\$	5,806,064
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$	3,494,608
Other Personnel Costs		308,469
Professional Fees and Services		44,148
Consumable Supplies		20,000
Utilities		600
Travel		110,000
Rent - Building		360
Rent - Machine and Other		10,560
Other Operating Expense		1,817,319
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$	5,806,064
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$	286,509
Group Insurance		490,926
Social Security		278,269
<b>Subtotal, Employee Benefits</b>	\$	1,055,704
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	\$	809,439
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$	1,865,143

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Behavioral Health Executive Council. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Behavioral Health Executive Council. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Behavioral Health Executive Council shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LICENSURE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	98%	98%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Certificates/Licensees Issued to Individuals	12,000	12,500
Number of Certificates/Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	34,500	34,500
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time to Process Applications (Days)	35	35
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total number of individuals licensed at the end of the reporting period	86,500	88,000
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	20%	20%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Complaints Resolved	500	500
Number of Complaints Pending	850	950

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
(Continued)

<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution	375	375
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Complaints Received	600	600
<b>2. Judgments and Settlements.</b> Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04 of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under the Texas Constitution or Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council or the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated to the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council.		

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,096,812	\$ 1,096,812
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 99,500	\$ 99,500
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,196,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,312</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 309,869	\$ 312,569
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	14.0	14.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$108,720	\$108,720
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ENSURE PUBLIC PROTECTION</b>		
Provide Public Protection through Enforcement of Chiropractic Statutes.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING SYSTEM</b>	\$ 330,248	\$ 330,247
Operate a Comprehensive Licensing System for Chiropractors.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	20,850	20,850
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>	<u>627,502</u>	<u>627,502</u>
Provide a System to Investigate and Resolve Complaints.		
<b>Total, Goal A: ENSURE PUBLIC PROTECTION</b>	\$ 978,600	\$ 978,599
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 217,712</u>	<u>\$ 217,713</u>
<b>Grand Total, BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS</b>	<u>\$ 1,196,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,196,312</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 893,949	\$ 893,949
Other Personnel Costs	42,500	43,380
Professional Fees and Services	61,230	61,230
Consumable Supplies	6,200	6,200
Utilities	7,500	7,500
Travel	44,300	44,300
Rent - Building	400	400



BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
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Rent - Machine and Other	2,300	2,300
Other Operating Expense	<u>137,933</u>	<u>137,053</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,196,312</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,196,312</u></b>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 69,196	\$ 69,840
Group Insurance	94,984	97,177
Social Security	<u>63,859</u>	<u>64,453</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 228,039	\$ 231,470
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 228,299</u>	<u>\$ 245,485</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b><u>\$ 456,338</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 476,955</u></b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ENSURE PUBLIC PROTECTION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	95%	95%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	35%	35%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING SYSTEM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	350	350
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	3,100	3,100
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	7,850	8,150
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved	200	200
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time Per Complaint Resolution (Days)	225	225
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	150	150

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,047,330	\$ 5,054,570
Appropriated Receipts	<u>\$ 258,500</u>	<u>\$ 258,500</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,305,830</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,313,070</u></b>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 1,409,209</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,089</b>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	<b>59.0</b>	<b>59.0</b>

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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$141,867	\$141,867

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal: QUALITY DENTAL CARE</b>		
To Ensure Quality Dental Care for the People of Texas.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: COMPLAINT RESOLUTION</b>	\$ 3,298,329	\$ 3,301,313
Provide a System to Investigate and Resolve Complaints.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM</b>	172,312	172,321
Provide a Peer Assistance Program for Licensed Individuals.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: LICENSURE/REGISTRATION/CERT</b>	1,495,124	1,499,100
Conduct an Efficient Licensure/Registration/Certification Process.		
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	225,000	225,000
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: QUALITY DENTAL CARE</b>	\$ 5,190,765	\$ 5,197,734
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 115,065	\$ 115,336
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS</b>		
	\$ 5,305,830	\$ 5,313,070

**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 3,704,969	\$ 3,704,969
Other Personnel Costs	57,720	63,960
Professional Fees and Services	459,050	459,050
Consumable Supplies	12,850	12,850
Utilities	14,500	15,200
Travel	82,125	82,125
Rent - Machine and Other	1,600	1,600
Other Operating Expense	973,016	973,316
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$ 5,305,830	\$ 5,313,070

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 285,713	\$ 288,370
Group Insurance	525,220	535,435
Social Security	234,803	236,987
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,045,736	\$ 1,060,792
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	\$ 855,729	\$ 920,145
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,901,465	\$ 1,980,937

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: QUALITY DENTAL CARE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	12%	12%
Percent of Jurisdictional and Filed Complaints, Which Were Resolved during the Reporting Period, that Resulted in Remedial Action	8%	8%
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations: Dentist	97%	97%

TEXAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
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<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMPLAINT RESOLUTION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved	1,100	1,100
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	375	375
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	1,075	1,075
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Licensed Individuals Participating in a Peer Assistance Program	85	85
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSURE/REGISTRATION/CERT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals: Dentists	1,025	1,025
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals): Dentists	9,000	9,000
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals: Dental Hygienists	800	800
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals): Dental Hygienists	7,025	7,025
Number of New Registrations Issued: Dental Assistants	2,850	2,850
Number of Registrations Renewed: Dental Assistants	20,000	20,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed: Dentists	23,302	23,502
Total Number of Individuals Licensed: Dental Hygienist	17,000	17,500
Total Number of Business Facilities Registered: Dental Labs	850	850

**2. Reimbursement of Advisory Committee Members.** Pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2110 reimbursement of expenses for advisory committee members, out of funds appropriated above, not to exceed \$6,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$6,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027, is limited to the following advisory committee: Advisory Committee on Dental Anesthesia.

FUNERAL SERVICE COMMISSION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,522,374	\$ 2,522,985
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 87,100	\$ 87,100
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,609,474</u>	<u>\$ 2,610,085</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 481,493	\$ 485,848
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	28.0	28.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$107,948	\$107,948
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> COMPETENT LICENSEES		
Manage Examination/Licensure to Develop Competent & Ethical Licensees.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSING REQUIREMENTS	\$ 552,988	\$ 550,318
Issue and Renew Licenses, Monitor Continuing Education.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	<u>35,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> COMPETENT LICENSEES	\$ 587,988	\$ 585,318

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<b>B. Goal: ENFORCE STANDARDS</b>				
To Aggressively & Effectively Provide Enforcement & Protect the Public.				
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSPECTIONS	\$	537,987	\$	537,647
Provide Enforcement through Inspections.				
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> RULE COMPLIANCE		496,321		498,462
Investigate Complaints & Recommend Disciplinary/Other Action.				
<b>Total, Goal B: ENFORCE STANDARDS</b>	\$	1,034,308	\$	1,036,109
<b>C. Goal: MANAGE WHOLE BODY DONATION PROGRAM</b>				
Whole Body Donation Program.				
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS	\$	522,909	\$	524,903
Enforcement Through Inspections & Investigate Complaints.				
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> LICENSING REQUIREMENTS		337,702		337,188
Issue and Renew Licenses.				
<b>Total, Goal C: MANAGE WHOLE BODY DONATION PROGRAM</b>	\$	860,611	\$	862,091
<b>D. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>				
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMIN	\$	126,567	\$	126,567
Central Administration.				
<b>Grand Total, FUNERAL SERVICE COMMISSION</b>	\$	2,609,474	\$	2,610,085
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	\$	1,905,977	\$	1,917,977
Other Personnel Costs		23,294		24,194
Professional Fees and Services		25,250		22,960
Consumable Supplies		8,100		8,100
Utilities		6,100		6,100
Travel		66,300		66,300
Rent - Building		2,000		2,000
Rent - Machine and Other		1,300		1,300
Other Operating Expense		571,153		561,154
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	\$	2,609,474	\$	2,610,085
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>				
<u>Employee Benefits</u>				
Retirement	\$	129,608	\$	129,978
Group Insurance		210,580		213,843
Social Security		109,677		110,023
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	449,865	\$	453,844
<u>Debt Service</u>				
Lease Payments	\$	205,391	\$	220,852
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$	655,256	\$	674,696

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Funeral Service Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Funeral Service Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Funeral Service Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: COMPETENT LICENSEES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	95%	95%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	500	500

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Number of Individual Licenses Renewed	2,250	2,250
Number of New Licenses Issued to Facilities	80	80
Number of Facility Licenses Renewed	1,500	1,500
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	5,400	5,400
Total Number of Facilities Licensed	1,636	1,636
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCE STANDARDS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	10%	10%
Percent of Complaints Resolved within 6 Months	36%	36%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INSPECTIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Establishments Inspected	713	713
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: RULE COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved	170	170
Number of Complaints Pending	160	160
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	200	200
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	280	280
<b>C. Goal: MANAGE WHOLE BODY DONATION PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Anatomical Complaints Resolved Resulting in Disciplinary Action	50%	50%
Percent of Anatomical Complaints Resolved within 6 Months	80%	80%
Percent Change of Entities or Individuals Registered or Authorized to Engage in Anatomical Donations	10%	10%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: INSPECTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Entities Inspected	70	70
Number of Non-Transplant Anatomical Donation Organizations Inspected to Verify Compliance with American Association of Tissue Banks Accreditation Standards	1	1
Number of Anatomical Complaints Resolved	5	5
Number of Anatomical Complaints Pending	5	5
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Anatomical Complaint Resolution (Days)	120	120
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Anatomical Complaints Received	5	5
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: LICENSING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Individuals and Entities Authorized or Registered	206	226
Number of New Authorizations and Registrations Granted to Individuals and Entities	22	22
Number of Individual and Entity Authorizations and Registrations Renewed	17	29

2. **Exempt Whole Body Donation Program Funding from Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections Requirements.** Notwithstanding Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Sec. 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, out of funds appropriated above for the Funeral Service Commission, \$860,611 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2026 and \$862,091 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2027 in Goal C, Manage Whole Body Donation Program, shall be used for the Whole Body Donation Program which distributes and regulates the donation of bodies and body parts.

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 694,039	\$ 743,097
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 694,039</u>	<u>\$ 743,097</u>

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Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated  
Elsewhere in this Act

\$	159,478	\$	160,510
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):

7.5	8.5
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Schedule of Exempt Positions:  
Executive Director, Group 2

\$116,655	\$116,655
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Items of Appropriation:  
A. Goal: LICENSING  
Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees.

A.1.1. Strategy: APPLICATION REVIEW Evaluate Applications and Ensure Proper Examination.	\$	125,957	\$	142,209
A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		25,000		25,000
A.1.3. Strategy: INFORMATIONAL SERVICES Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information.		300,203		317,234

Total, Goal A: LICENSING	\$	451,160	\$	484,443
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B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT  
Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act.

B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations.	\$	205,475	\$	221,249
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C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION  
C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMIN  
Indirect Administration.

	\$	37,404	\$	37,405
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Grand Total, BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS	\$	694,039	\$	743,097
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	487,814	\$	532,814
Other Personnel Costs		43,895		43,895
Professional Fees and Services		18,404		19,661
Consumable Supplies		6,000		6,000
Utilities		4,000		4,000
Travel		6,950		6,950
Rent - Building		120		120
Rent - Machine and Other		750		750
Other Operating Expense		126,106		128,907

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	694,039	\$	743,097
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	26,562	\$	26,809
Group Insurance		25,872		26,415
Social Security		30,581		30,865

Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	83,015	\$	84,089
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Debt Service

Lease Payments	\$	210,350	\$	226,185
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Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$	293,365	\$	310,274
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1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Board of Professional Geoscientists. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the

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intended mission of the Board of Professional Geoscientists. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Board of Professional Geoscientists shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	95%	95%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: APPLICATION REVIEW</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	90	90
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	2,591	2,652
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	3,400	3,400
Total Number of Firms Registered	350	350
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	25%	25%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Complaints Resolved	45	45
Number of Compliance Orders Issued	500	500
Number of Disciplinary Actions Taken	10	10
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	180	180
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Jurisdictional Complaints Received	50	50

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 266,307	\$ 437,172
Interagency Contracts	\$ 1,920,430	\$ 1,924,072
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,186,737</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,244</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	9.0	9.0
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: COORDINATION AND SUPPORT</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AGENCY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT</b>	<u>\$ 2,186,737</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,244</u>
Member Agency Coordination and Support.		
<b>Grand Total, HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL</b>	<u>\$ 2,186,737</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,244</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 854,809	\$ 854,809
Other Personnel Costs	15,820	16,640
Professional Fees and Services	1,015,505	1,018,327
Consumable Supplies	19,000	19,000
Utilities	4,700	4,700
Other Operating Expense	81,200	81,200
Capital Expenditures	<u>195,703</u>	<u>366,568</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,186,737</u>	<u>\$ 2,361,244</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 63,871	\$ 64,403

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Group Insurance	75,669	76,447
Social Security	<u>72,332</u>	<u>72,955</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 211,872	\$ 213,805
Debt Service		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 149,812</u>	<u>\$ 161,089</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 361,684</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 374,894</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Health Professions Council. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Health Professions Council. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Health Professions Council shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: COORDINATION AND SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Number of Events Attended by a HPC Staff Member on Behalf of HPC Member Agencies	12	12
Number of People Who Attend an HPC Sponsored Training Session	50	50
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: AGENCY COORDINATION AND SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Completed Support Requests	1,200	1,200

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Shared Regulatory Database Migration	\$ 178,659	\$ 182,215
(2) Data Center Services for Information Technology Shared Services Program Data Migration	<u>195,703</u>	<u>366,568</u>
Total, Data Center/Shared Technology Services	<u>\$ 374,362</u>	<u>\$ 548,783</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 374,362</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 548,783</u></u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 195,703	\$ 366,568
Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 178,659</u>	<u>\$ 182,215</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 374,362</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 548,783</u></u>

**3. Prorated Assessments Report.** Before September 1, 2025, the Health Professions Council (HPC) shall submit to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor a report detailing the use of member agency prorated assessments transferred during fiscal year 2026 and the planned use of like transfers in fiscal years 2027 through 2029. The report shall indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, for each agency served, all costs related to carrying out the functions named in Section 3, Funding for Health Professions Council, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies. The report shall also indicate in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, the receipt and expenditure of interagency contract funds received by the council, the cause for cost changes to functions named in Section 3, Funding for Health Professions Council, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board during the reporting period.



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4. **Notification of Contract Changes.** The Health Professions Council shall notify the Legislative Budget Board when entering into a new contract with a state agency or external vendor at least 30 calendar days prior to the execution of the contract. Additionally, the Health Professions Council shall notify the Legislative Budget Board regarding amendments to the scope of services being provided to participating agencies or amendments to existing contracts with external vendors at least 30 calendar days prior to the execution of the amendments.
5. **Department of Information Resources (DIR) Migration of Information Technology Shared Services (ITSS) Program Data.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Agency Coordination and Support, include \$195,703 in fiscal year 2026 and \$366,568 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for the purposes of the migration of servers and data associated with the agency's ITSS program into DIR's Data Center Services/Shared Technology Services program.

OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
GR Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund		
Account No. 036	\$ 10,601,692	\$ 10,601,693
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 10,601,692</u>	<u>\$ 10,601,693</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 3,670,867	\$ 3,706,061
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	169.8	169.8
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Public Counsel, Group 5	\$165,339	\$165,339
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM		
Assist Individual Injured Employees through the Ombudsman Program.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM	\$ 6,243,602	\$ 6,243,603
Assist Unrepresented Injured Employees in Dispute Resolution.		
<b>B. Goal:</b> EDUCATION AND REFERRAL		
Increase Injured Employee Education and Provide Referrals.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES & REFERRAL	\$ 1,871,907	\$ 1,871,907
Assist Injured Employees & Provide Referrals to Programs & Services.		
<b>C. Goal:</b> ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES		
Advocate for Injured Employees as a Class.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES	<u>\$ 2,486,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,486,183</u>
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL</b>	<u>\$ 10,601,692</u>	<u>\$ 10,601,693</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,049,234	\$ 10,049,234
Other Personnel Costs	204,852	204,852
Professional Fees and Services	67,000	67,000
Consumable Supplies	1,800	1,800
Utilities	22,500	22,500
Travel	18,761	18,762

OFFICE OF INJURED EMPLOYEE COUNSEL  
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Rent - Building	1,000	1,000
Other Operating Expense	236,545	236,545
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<b>\$ 10,601,692</b>	<b>\$ 10,601,693</b>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 758,191	\$ 765,242
Group Insurance	1,713,718	1,755,580
Social Security	650,136	656,182
Benefits Replacement	735	598
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 3,122,780</b>	<b>\$ 3,177,602</b>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of Injured Employee Counsel. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of Injured Employee Counsel. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of Injured Employee Counsel shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Texas Department of Insurance Administrative Dispute Resolution Proceedings in which an Ombudsman Assisted an Unrepresented Injured Employee	45%	45%
Percentage of Issues Raised at Contested Case Hearings (CCH) where the Injured Employee Prevailed when Assisted by an Ombudsman	26%	26%
Percentage of Issues Raised on Appeal Where the Injured Employee Prevailed when Assisted by an Ombudsman	18%	18%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Benefit Review Conferences with Ombudsman Assistance	4,500	4,500
Number of Contested Case Hearings with Ombudsman Assistance	1,900	1,900
Number of Injured Employees Prepared for an Appeal by an Ombudsman	1,500	1,500
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Preparation Appointments Held Prior to a Benefit Review Conference by an Ombudsman	15,000	15,000
Number of Preparation Appointments Held Prior to a Contested Case Hearing by an Ombudsman	4,500	4,500
Number of Preparation Appointments Held for an Appeal by an Ombudsman	1,600	1,600
<b>B. Goal: EDUCATION AND REFERRAL</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: RIGHTS RESPONSIBILITIES &amp; REFERRAL</b>		
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Educational Sessions Provided to or on Behalf of Injured Employees Per Month	18,300	18,300
<b>C. Goal: ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Adopted Workers' Compensation Rules Analyzed	100%	100%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: ADVOCATE FOR INJURED EMPLOYEES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Assists a Regional Staff Attorney Provides to an Ombudsman	4,000	4,000

**2. Unexpended Balance Authority.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, not to exceed 5 percent for any item of appropriation, are appropriated to the Office of Injured Employee Counsel for the same purposes for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2027.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 10,276,156	\$ 10,276,156
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 117,160,007	\$ 117,156,450
Subsequent Injury Account No. 5101	<u>8,875,692</u>	<u>8,875,692</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 126,035,699	\$ 126,032,142
Federal Funds	\$ 2,356,328	\$ 2,356,328
<u>Other Funds</u>		
TexasSure Fund No. 161	\$ 6,073,752	\$ 6,073,752
Appropriated Receipts	198,785	198,785
Interagency Contracts	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 6,310,537</u>	<u>\$ 6,310,537</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 144,978,720</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,975,163</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 43,218,051	\$ 43,599,236
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 31.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	1,227.3	1,227.3
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Commissioner of Insurance, Group 7	\$234,324	\$234,324
Commissioner of Workers' Compensation, Group 6	182,328	182,328
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT CONSUMERS</b>		
Protect and Ensure the Fair Treatment of Consumers.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH</b>		
Provide Information To Consumers, Resolve Complaints, & License Agents.	\$ 8,784,181	\$ 8,784,181
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXASSURE</b>	6,073,752	6,073,752
TexasSure Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Verification Program.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	<u>494,200</u>	<u>494,200</u>
Texas.gov Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: PROTECT CONSUMERS</b>	\$ 15,352,133	\$ 15,352,133
<b>B. Goal: FAIR, COMPETITIVE, &amp; STABLE MARKET</b>		
A Competitive and Stable Insurance Market.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDUSTRY SOLVENCY REGULATION</b>	\$ 7,137,320	\$ 7,137,320
Analyze the Financial Condition of Insurers and Take Solvency Action.		
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: PROPERTY &amp; CASUALTY REGULATION</b>	8,067,254	8,067,254
Efficiently Regulate P&C Rates, Forms, And Programs.		
<b>B.2.2. Strategy: LIFE &amp; HEALTH REGULATION</b>	16,209,265	16,209,265
Efficiently Regulate L&H Rates, Forms, and Networks.		
<b>B.3.1. Strategy: LEGAL REVIEW &amp; ENFORCEMENT</b>	7,858,692	7,858,692
Review Compliance and Bring Enforcement Actions as Needed.		
<b>B.3.2. Strategy: INSURANCE FRAUD</b>	4,473,377	4,473,377
Investigate Insurance Fraud and Refer Violations for Prosecution.		

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<b>B.4.1. Strategy:</b> THREE-SHARE PROGRAMS Administer Three-Share Premium Assistance Program.	<u>69,651</u>	<u>69,651</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> FAIR, COMPETITIVE, & STABLE MARKET	\$ 43,815,559	\$ 43,815,559
<b>C. Goal:</b> REDUCE INCIDENTS OF FIRE Reduce Loss of Life & Property Due to Fire.		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> FIRE MARSHAL Investigate Arson, Conduct Safety Inspections, and Administer Lics.	\$ 5,364,699	\$ 5,369,699
<b>D. Goal:</b> REGULATE WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM Effectively Regulate the Texas Workers' Compensation System.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE Oversee Activities of System Participants and Ensure Compliance.	\$ 10,934,654	\$ 10,886,229
<b>D.1.2. Strategy:</b> DISPUTE RESOLUTION Resolve Indemnity, Medical Fee and Medical Necessity Disputes.	10,384,272	10,384,272
<b>D.1.3. Strategy:</b> SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND ADMIN Administer Subsequent Injury Fund.	9,120,402	9,120,402
<b>D.1.4. Strategy:</b> WORKERS COMPENSATION FRAUD Investigate Workers' Comp Fraud & Refer Violations for Prosecution.	1,172,262	1,172,262
<b>D.2.1. Strategy:</b> HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES Provide Educational Services & WPS Consultations to System Participants.	4,193,529	4,193,529
<b>D.2.2. Strategy:</b> CUSTOMER SERVICE & INFORMATION MGMT Provide Customer Assistance & Information Management.	<u>9,230,655</u>	<u>9,230,655</u>
<b>Total, Goal D:</b> REGULATE WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM	\$ 45,035,774	\$ 44,987,349
<b>E. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>E.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,392,847	\$ 7,392,847
<b>E.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	20,355,760	20,366,362
<b>E.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>5,461,948</u>	<u>5,491,214</u>
<b>Total, Goal E:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 33,210,555	\$ 33,250,423
<b>F. Goal:</b> REGULATORY RESPONSE		
<b>F.1.1. Strategy:</b> CONTINGENCY REGULATORY RESPONSE	<u>\$ 2,200,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,200,000</u>
<b>Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE</b>	<u><u>\$ 144,978,720</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,975,163</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 89,976,771	\$ 89,976,771
Other Personnel Costs	2,221,350	2,221,350
Professional Fees and Services	19,575,344	19,526,919
Fuels and Lubricants	195,300	195,300
Consumable Supplies	229,623	229,623
Utilities	244,220	244,220
Travel	1,146,157	1,146,157
Rent - Building	1,867,304	1,896,570
Rent - Machine and Other	548,300	548,300
Other Operating Expense	18,974,351	18,989,953
Grants	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 144,978,720</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,975,163</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 8,141,683	\$ 8,217,401
Group Insurance	21,628,769	22,276,868
Social Security	6,275,949	6,332,232
Benefits Replacement	<u>34,241</u>	<u>27,838</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 36,080,642	\$ 36,854,339

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Debt Service		
Lease Payments	\$ 19,147,609	\$ 20,588,982
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ 55,228,251</b>	<b>\$ 57,443,321</b>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Insurance. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Insurance. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Insurance shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT CONSUMERS</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Calls Answered by the TDI Consumer Help Line Call Center	95%	95%
Percent of Continuing Education Filings Completed within Ten Days	95%	95%
Percent of Agent and Adjuster Applications Completed within Seven Days	95%	95%
Percent of Registered Passenger Vehicles with Personal or Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance	90%	90%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATIONS, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved	17,000	17,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Response Time (in DAYS) to Complaints	40	40
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Inquiries Received	132,000	132,000
<b>B. Goal: FAIR, COMPETITIVE, &amp; STABLE MARKET</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Statutory Rate and Form Filings Completed within 90 Days	87%	87%
Percent of Personal Auto and Residential Property Form Filings Completed in 60 Days	87%	87%
<b>B.3.2. Strategy: INSURANCE FRAUD</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Insurance Fraud Suspects Investigated and Resolved	400	400
<b>C. Goal: REDUCE INCIDENTS OF FIRE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Registrations, Licenses, and Permits Issued within 20 Days after Receipt of a Completed Application	99%	99%
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: FIRE MARSHAL</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Registrations, Licenses, and Permits Issued by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SMFO) to Fire Alarm, Fire Extinguisher, Fire Sprinkler and Fireworks Firms, Individuals, and Other Regulated Entities	16,000	16,000
<b>D. Goal: REGULATE WORKERS' COMP SYSTEM</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Medical Fee Disputes Resolved by Medical Fee Dispute Resolution or Upheld Upon Appeal	95%	95%
Percent of Temporary Income Benefits (TIB) Recipients Released to Work (RTW) within 90 Days of Injury	60%	60%
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: OVERSIGHT AND COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Quality of Care Reviews of Health Care Providers, Insurance Carriers Utilization Review Agents, and Independent Review Organizations Completed	200	200
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Close a Complaint Involving Workers' Compensation System Participants	110	110
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percent of Medical Bills Processed Timely (Within 45 Days)	98%	98%

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D.1.2. Strategy: DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Efficiencies:

Average Number of Days to Resolve a Medical Fee Dispute	200	200
Average Number of Days to Resolve Indemnity Disputes through Resolution Proceedings	135	135

D.1.3. Strategy: SUBSEQUENT INJURY FUND ADMIN

Explanatory:

Number of Injured Workers Receiving Lifetime Income Benefit (LIB) Payments through the Subsequent Injury Fund (SIF)	21	21
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D.2.1. Strategy: HEALTH AND SAFETY SERVICES

Output (Volume):

Number of Workplace Safety Consultations and Inspections Provided to Employers	1,600	1,600
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2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	2026	2027
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Support for Document Management System	\$ 348,254	\$ 358,855
(2) PC Replacement	600,880	600,880
(3) Texassure Vehicle Insurance Verification	6,073,752	6,073,752
Total, Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies	\$ 7,022,886	\$ 7,033,487
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ 8,997,987	\$ 8,997,987
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 16,020,873	\$ 16,031,474
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
GR Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036	\$ 9,947,121	\$ 9,957,722
TexasSure Fund No. 161	\$ 6,073,752	\$ 6,073,752
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 16,020,873	\$ 16,031,474

3. **Appropriation Source, Rehabilitation of Insurance Companies.** Of the amounts appropriated above, \$0 each year of the biennium is from fees that the Department of Insurance shall collect from companies that are successfully rehabilitated by the department. Fees collected and appropriated above shall be in amounts sufficient to cover, yet not exceed, costs of rehabilitating those companies. Any such fees collected in excess of \$0 each year of the biennium are also appropriated for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, for the sole purpose of the rehabilitation of other insurance companies pursuant to the Texas Insurance Code, Section 441.203 (estimated to be \$0).
4. **State Support for NAIC Activities.** The Department of Insurance shall use no appropriated funds in support of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) in the absence of NAIC accreditation of the Department of Insurance for compliance with NAIC Financial Regulation Standards. The prohibition would be effective immediately upon loss of accreditation. The only exceptions to this prohibition shall be limited to expenditures necessary for (1) continued departmental use of the NAIC database for monitoring financial solvency of companies doing business in Texas; (2) solvency-related training; and (3) efforts to regain accreditation. The prohibition on using resources does not apply in the event that the Commissioner voluntarily determines not to participate in the state insurance department accreditation program.
5. **Liquidation Oversight and Title Examiner Full-Time-Equivalent Positions.** In addition to the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" positions authorized above, an additional 40.0 FTE positions are authorized for each year of the 2026-27 biennium to support liquidation oversight and title examiner activities. These positions are excluded from the FTE cap.

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- 6. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** The application of special provisions limiting appropriations to revenue collections elsewhere in this Article shall be consistent with relevant statutory provisions governing the agency's assessment of tax rates and fees. As provided by the Texas Insurance Code and the Texas Labor Code, the Commissioners shall take into account unexpended funds in the preceding year when adjusting rates of assessment necessary to pay all expenses of regulating insurance and conducting the operations of the State Fire Marshal and the Office of Injured Employee Counsel during the succeeding year.
- 7. State Support for NCOIL Activities.** Funds appropriated above include funds from General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36 for payment of state dues for the National Council of Insurance Legislators.
- 8. Increase Consumer Choice.** Out of amounts appropriated above, the Department of Insurance shall contract with the Office of Public Insurance Counsel in the amount of \$191,670 each fiscal year from the GR Dedicated-Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036 to provide consumers with insurance information to make informed decisions.
- 9. Appropriation of Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, not to exceed 5 percent for any item of appropriation above unless otherwise granted by the provisions of Article IX, Section 14.05, are appropriated for the same purposes, in the same strategies, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 10. Subsequent Injury Fund.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.3, Subsequent Injury Fund Administration, include an estimated \$8,875,692 in fiscal year 2026 and \$8,875,692 in fiscal year 2027 out of the GR Dedicated - Subsequent Injury Account No. 5101 for payment of liabilities pursuant to Labor Code, Chapter 403. In the event that actual liabilities exceed the estimated amounts, the Division of Workers' Compensation shall furnish information supporting the estimated additional liabilities to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds that there are sufficient balances in the GR Dedicated - Subsequent Injury Account No. 5101 to support the payment of projected liabilities, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and a contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purposes.
- 11. Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs.**

  - a. Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance of \$69,651 in fiscal year 2026 and \$69,651 in fiscal year 2027 in Strategy B.4.1, Three-Share Programs, and 1.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) position each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" is for the purpose of awarding, through a competitive application process, grants to local government entities for the research, planning, development, and continuation of "three-share" premium assistance programs to increase access to private healthcare coverage for the uninsured, and providing technical assistance to grant recipients. The department shall consider the following factors in selecting recipients of grant funds:

    - (1) proposals to match grant awards with local funds;
    - (2) percentage of uninsured in the applicable area;
    - (3) existing efforts in pursuing "three-share" premium assistance programs; and
    - (4) healthcare use and delivery factors affecting the area's healthcare infrastructure and capacity.
  - b. In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from regulated entities except for workers compensation for fines, penalties, and sanctions (revenue object codes 3221 or 3222) and deposited to the General Revenue Fund, the Department of Insurance is appropriated, out of amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0), an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000 in each year of the biennium for the Three-Share Premium Assistance Programs. Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. The department shall spend any unexpended and unobligated balances that are appropriated to it for the same purposes to the extent necessary to maintain the agency's approved enrollment levels for that biennium for each Three-Share Premium Assistance Program.

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The department shall report a summary of the grants awarded to local government entities to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor no later than January 1, 2027.

- 12. Division of Workers' Compensation Reporting Requirement.** The Division of Workers' Compensation shall include information collected about on-the-job injuries and occupational diseases, compliance with notice requirements regarding whether employers carry workers' compensation insurance from non-subscribing employers and administrative penalties levied against non-complying employers under the provisions of the Labor Code, Section 411.032 and Texas Administrative Code, Title 28, Insurance, Sections 110.103, 110.101, and 160.2 in its biennial reports submitted to the Legislature.
- 13. Amusement Ride Reporting Requirements.** The Department of Insurance shall request monthly a report of the amusement ride operators who apply for a sales tax license and a report of amusement ride operators paying sales tax from the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The department shall reconcile the reports with their records of registered amusement ride operators and investigate the need for registration of any operator not in their records. The department shall report biennially to the Legislature on: (1) efforts to bring all amusement ride operators into compliance; and (2) the result of those efforts.
- 14. Appropriation: Agent and Adjuster Licensing Fee Collections.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, out of funds collected from agent and adjuster licensing fees (revenue object code 3210) deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36, the Department of Insurance is appropriated all amounts collected in excess of those contained in the Comptroller's January 2025 Biennial Revenue Estimate (estimated to be \$0) to Strategy A.1.1. Operations, Education, and Outreach.
- (a) Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations, not to exceed \$1,000,000, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
  - (b) Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 14.01, Appropriation Transfers of this Act, appropriations made by this rider may not be transferred from Strategy A.1.1, Customer Operations, Education, and Outreach, to other strategies without prior written approval from the Legislative Budget Board.
- 15. Contingency Appropriation: State Regulatory Response.**
- (a) Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance not to exceed \$2,200,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36 each year in Strategy F.1.1, Contingency Regulatory Response, and 40.0 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)" are contingent upon a finding of fact by the Commissioner of Insurance that additional resources are needed by the department due to:
    - (1) a significant change in insurance regulatory environment, demands for federal healthcare reform implementation, a weather related disaster in the State of Texas, a public health crisis, such as a pandemic, a fire that has been declared as a disaster situation in the State of Texas, and non-weather related disasters.
  - (b) None of the funds appropriated above in Strategy F.1.1, Contingency Regulatory Response, may be expended and none of the 40.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" may be used by the department unless the Commissioner of Insurance files a finding of fact with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and neither the Governor nor the LBB issues a written disapproval not later than:
    - (1) the 10th business day after the date the staff of the LBB concludes its review of the findings of fact and forwards those findings of fact along with the conclusions or comments of the LBB staff to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
    - (2) the 10th business day after the receipt of the finding of fact by the Governor.



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- (c) The appropriations above in Strategy F.1.1, Contingency Regulatory Response, and 40.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" are also contingent upon the department maintaining a sufficient fund balance in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36 to cover these contingency appropriations and related employee benefits, and providing such information as may be deemed necessary by the Comptroller of Public Accounts to issue a finding of fact that the revenues are/will be available to fund the increased appropriations.
- (d) Funds appropriated above in Strategy F.1.1, Contingency Regulatory Response, and 40.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions each fiscal year included above in the "Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)" may only be used to address issues included in the finding of fact submitted to the Governor and the LBB pursuant to subsection (b) above, and apply only to the 2026-27 biennium unless otherwise appropriated. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds not be included in base level funding requests for the 2028-29 biennium.
- (e) Notwithstanding transfer limits under Article IX, Section 14.01 of this Act, at the discretion of the department, amounts appropriated above may be transferred to another appropriation item in an amount not to exceed \$2,200,000 in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36 each year in Strategy F.1.1, Contingency Regulatory Response.

- 16. Captive Insurance Specialist.** Amounts appropriated above to the Department of Insurance of \$150,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027, in General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund 36, in Strategy B.1.1, Industry Solvency Regulation, are for the purpose of retaining, through a competitive application process, a captive insurance specialist to support captive insurance oversight and related activities in the Texas captive insurance market.
- 17. Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access Pilot Program.** Included in amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.2.2, Life and Health Regulation, is \$10,000,000 in General Revenue funds in fiscal year 2026 and \$10,000,000 in General Revenue funds for fiscal year 2027 to provide uninsured or underinsured working adults employed at small businesses, and their dependents, with comprehensive direct primary care, as defined in Chapter 76 of the Health and Safety Code.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,770,667	\$ 1,670,668
Interagency Contracts	\$ 191,670	\$ 191,670
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,962,337</u>	<u>\$ 1,862,338</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 504,771	\$ 509,474
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	17.5	17.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Public Counsel, Group 4	\$160,262	\$160,262

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Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: REPRESENT TX INSURANCE CONSUMERS  
Represent TX Consumers in Rate/Rule/Judicial/Legislative Hearings.

A.1.1. Strategy: PARTICIPATE IN RATES/RULES/FORMS Participate in Rate/Rule/Form/Judicial/Legislative Proceedings.	\$	1,392,619	\$	1,392,620
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B. Goal: INCREASE CONSUMER CHOICE  
Increase Consumer Choice-Educate Texas Insurance Consumers.

B.1.1. Strategy: INSURANCE INFORMATION Provide Consumers with Information to Make Informed Choices.	\$	369,718	\$	269,718
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C. Goal: COPA PROGRAM  
Administer the Certificate of Public Advantage Program.

C.1.1. Strategy: COPA PROGRAM Administer The Certificate Of Public Advantage Program.	\$	200,000	\$	200,000
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Grand Total, OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSURANCE COUNSEL	\$	1,962,337	\$	1,862,338
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	1,635,760	\$	1,643,180
Other Personnel Costs		52,750		52,750
Professional Fees and Services		133,550		33,550
Consumable Supplies		1,750		1,750
Utilities		2,700		2,700
Travel		1,350		1,350
Rent - Machine and Other		5,750		5,750
Other Operating Expense		128,727		121,308

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	1,962,337	\$	1,862,338
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	100,453	\$	101,387
Group Insurance		132,678		135,972
Social Security		79,839		80,581

Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	312,970	\$	317,940
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Debt Service

Lease Payments	\$	299,242	\$	321,768
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Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$	612,212	\$	639,708
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1. Performance Measure Targets. The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of Public Insurance Counsel. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of Public Insurance Counsel. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: REPRESENT TX INSURANCE CONSUMERS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percentage of Rates, Rules, and Policy Forms Changed as a Result of OPIC Participation	85%	85%
Percentage of Policy Form Changes As a Result of OPIC Participation	85%	85%

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSURANCE COUNSEL  
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<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PARTICIPATE IN RATES/RULES/FORMS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Policy Form Filings Analyzed to Capture the Material Effort of Determining if the Filing is Objectionable or Requires Explanation to Determine Whether it is Objectionable	88	85
Number of Policy Form Changes Requested for Revision	35	35
Number of Rules Filings Analyzed to Capture the Material Effort of Determining Whether the Filing is Objectionable or Requires Some Explanation to Determine Whether it is Objectionable	20	20
Number of Rule Proposals Changes Requested for Revision	5	5
Number of Rate Filings Analyzed to Capture the Material Effort of Determining Whether the Filing is Objectionable or Requires Some Explanation to Determine Whether it is Objectionable	150	150
Number of Rate Filings with Changes Requested for Revision	50	50
Number of Responses to Legislative or Executive Office Requests for Research or Information	10	10
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Dollar Amount Saved Property and Casualty Insurance Policies in Texas	3,200,000	3,200,000

<b>B. Goal:</b> INCREASE CONSUMER CHOICE		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Texas Insurance Consumers Reached by OPIC Outreach Efforts	55%	55%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INSURANCE INFORMATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Report Cards and Publications Produced and Distributed	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total Number of Public Presentations or Communications by OPIC	2,000	2,000

2. **Unexpended Balance Authority Within Biennium.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026 (estimated to be \$0), in appropriations made to the Office of Public Insurance Counsel are appropriated to the Office of Public Insurance Counsel for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
3. **Unexpended Balance Authority of COPA Transfer Funds.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances in Interagency Contracts made to the Office of Public Insurance Counsel for the transfer of the Certificate of Public Advantage Program remaining as of August 31, 2025, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Office of Public Insurance Counsel for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 50,222,712	\$ 50,118,115
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Motorcycle Education Account No. 501	\$ 929,915	\$ 929,915
Barbering and Cosmetology School Tuition Protection Account No. 5192	85,000	85,000
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 1,014,915	\$ 1,014,915
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 7,387,680	\$ 7,387,680
Interagency Contracts	445,066	445,066
Auctioneer Education and Recovery Trust Fund No. 898	25,000	25,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 7,857,746	\$ 7,857,746
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 59,095,373</u>	<u>\$ 58,990,776</u>

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION  
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Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act	\$	14,346,002	\$	14,494,826
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This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	606.7	606.7
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Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Executive Director, Group 6	\$190,000	\$190,000

Items of Appropriation:

A. Goal: LICENSING

License, Certify, and Register Qualified Individuals and Businesses.

A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSE, REGISTER AND CERTIFY Issue Licenses, Registrations, & Certificates to Qualified Individuals.	\$	5,472,141	\$	5,449,284
A.1.2. Strategy: LICENSE BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES		1,680,649		1,651,623
A.1.3. Strategy: EXAMINATIONS/CONTINUING EDUCATION Administer Exams to Applicants.		1,891,990		1,862,761
A.1.4. Strategy: CUSTOMER SERV Provide Customer Service.		3,041,736		3,016,130
A.1.5. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		<u>650,000</u>		<u>650,000</u>

Total, Goal A: LICENSING	\$	12,736,516	\$	12,629,798
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B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT

Protect the Public by Enforcing Laws Administered by the Agency.

B.1.1. Strategy: CONDUCT INSPECTIONS Enforce Laws by Conducting Routine, Complex, and Special Inspections.	\$	15,678,904	\$	15,597,025
B.1.2. Strategy: BUILDING PLAN REVIEWS Perform Building Plan Reviews.		1,235,749		1,205,780
B.1.3. Strategy: RESOLVE COMPLAINTS Enforce Compliance by Settlement, Prosecution, Penalty and Sanction.		6,607,638		6,543,959
B.1.4. Strategy: INVESTIGATION Investigate Complaints.		<u>4,728,216</u>		<u>4,704,170</u>

Total, Goal B: ENFORCEMENT	\$	28,250,507	\$	28,050,934
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C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

C.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$	5,974,896	\$	5,945,049
C.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION RESOURCES		11,104,720		11,364,138
C.1.3. Strategy: OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES		<u>1,028,734</u>		<u>1,000,857</u>

Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$	<u>18,108,350</u>	\$	<u>18,310,044</u>
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Grand Total, DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION	\$	<u>59,095,373</u>	\$	<u>58,990,776</u>
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Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	42,110,981	\$	42,110,977
Other Personnel Costs		729,180		785,640
Professional Fees and Services		2,462,074		2,749,441
Fuels and Lubricants		76,000		76,000
Consumable Supplies		91,780		91,780
Utilities		130,462		130,462
Travel		1,298,700		1,298,700
Rent - Building		1,749,303		1,749,303
Rent - Machine and Other		99,877		99,877
Other Operating Expense		5,864,164		5,415,016
Capital Expenditures		<u>4,482,852</u>		<u>4,483,580</u>

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	<u>59,095,373</u>	\$	<u>58,990,776</u>
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DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION  
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

<u>Employee Benefits</u>			
Retirement	\$	3,300,587	\$ 3,329,843
Group Insurance		5,718,419	5,843,196
Social Security		2,799,501	2,824,377
Benefits Replacement		<u>7,127</u>	<u>5,794</u>
 <b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>			
	\$	<u>11,825,634</u>	\$ <u>12,003,210</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Department of Licensing and Regulation. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Department of Licensing and Regulation. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Department of Licensing and Regulation shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	99%	99%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSE, REGISTER AND CERTIFY</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	200,883	215,414
Number of Licenses Renewed for Individuals	351,347	359,029
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Licenses Held by Individuals	778,059	805,023
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: LICENSE BUSINESSES AND FACILITIES</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Licenses Held by Businesses	233,446	240,229
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	13%	13%
Inspection Coverage Rate	82%	82%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: CONDUCT INSPECTIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Inspections Completed	260,586	262,876
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: RESOLVE COMPLAINTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Closed	12,390	12,780
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Closing Complaints (Days)	197	201
<b>B.1.4. Strategy: INVESTIGATION</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Complaints Opened	12,774	13,175

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Acquire a Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000
b. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	<u>\$ 1,392,460</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,827</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 5,792,460</u>	<u>\$ 6,079,827</u>

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION  
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Method of Financing (Capital Budget):

General Revenue Fund	\$ 5,792,460	\$ 6,079,827
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 5,792,460	\$ 6,079,827

3. **Contingent Appropriation: Travel Expenses and Fee Reimbursement for Boiler Inspections.**

Funds appropriated above include reimbursements for travel expenses and special inspection fees collected pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 755.030, Boilers Fees. Contingent upon certification by the Department of Licensing and Regulation and verification by the Comptroller all fees collected in excess of \$312,600 each year of the biennium (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for the same purpose. The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with a copy of the certification and any verification by the Comptroller within 10 business days.

4. **Contingent Appropriation: Elevators, Escalators and Related Equipment.** Out of the General Revenue Fund appropriations above, \$1,608,659 in each year of the biennium, is appropriated from fees collected pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Chapter 754, Subchapter B (Object Code 3175), for the purposes of administering and enforcing laws relating to elevators, escalators and related equipment, as set out in the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 754. Contingent upon certification by the Department of Licensing and Regulation and verification by the Comptroller any fees collected above this annual amount (estimated to be \$256,898) are appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the same purpose. The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall provide the Legislative Budget Board with a copy of the certification and any verification by the Comptroller within 10 business days.

5. **Contingent Appropriation: Combative Sports Regulation.** In addition to the amounts appropriated above, the Department of Licensing and Regulation is appropriated \$30,000 out of funds collected by the agency and deposited to the General Revenue Fund during each fiscal year for the 2026-27 biennium, for each combative sports event managed by the department for which ticket sales exceed \$2,000,000 (estimated to be one event) contingent upon the Department of Licensing and Regulation assessing fees and taxes sufficient to generate \$30,000 for each such combative sports event. The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall complete all necessary actions to assess or increase such additional revenue. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a finding of fact shall be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purpose.

6. **Auctioneer Education and Recovery.** Funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Resolve Complaints, include all revenue deposited to the Auctioneer Education and Recovery Trust Fund for the purpose and in the amounts specified in the Occupations Code, Chapter 1802, Subchapter D, not to exceed \$25,000 in each fiscal year from the Auctioneer Education and Recovery Trust Fund.

7. **Barbering and Cosmetology School Tuition Protection Account.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Strategy A.1.3, Examinations/Continuing Education, the amounts of \$85,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$85,000 in fiscal year 2027 are from the GR-Dedicated Barbering and Cosmetology School Tuition Protection Account No. 5192, for the purpose of paying expenses and refunds authorized by the department under the provisions of Occupations Code, Section 1603.3608. The Department of Licensing and Regulation, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase additional fees, shall furnish copies of the Department of Licensing and Regulation's minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2026-27 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for this purpose are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

8. **Judgments and Settlements.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 16.04 of this Act, payment of judgments or settlements, including attorney's fees, resulting from actions brought under Title 42 United States Code Section 1983 that arise from claims challenging the validity or constitutionality of a state law and prosecuted or defended by the Office of the Attorney General that are obtained against the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation, or any individual(s) acting in their official capacity on behalf of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, shall be paid out by the Comptroller and not from funds appropriated to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation or the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation.

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATION  
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- 9. Combative Sports Program Attendance.** The Department of Licensing and Regulation shall maintain a list of any employee of the department, commissioner of the department, and/or guest of the department/commission who attends a combative sports event in the State of Texas with complimentary or reduced rate tickets provided by the promoter or attends the event in the technical zone. The list shall include the date of the event and the face value of the ticket for the event.
- 10. Human Trafficking Prevention.** Notwithstanding Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Sec. 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, out of funds appropriated above for the Department of Licensing and Regulation, \$2,428,164 from the General Revenue Fund and 32.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for fiscal year 2026, and \$2,301,547 from the General Revenue Fund and 32.0 FTE for fiscal year 2027 shall be used for inspections and enforcement actions by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to combat human trafficking in the department's regulated programs.
- 11. Financial Crimes Intelligence Center.** Notwithstanding Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, out of funds appropriated above to the Department of Licensing and Regulation, \$3,021,774 for fiscal year 2026 and \$3,021,774 for fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to fund the Financial Crimes Intelligence Center as required by the Occupations Code, Chapter 2312.
- 12. Motorcycle Operator Safety and Training.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Issue Licenses, Registrations, & Certificates to Qualified Individuals; Strategy A.1.3, Administer Exams to Applicants; Strategy A.1.4, Provide Customer Service; and Strategy C.1.3, Other Support Services, together include \$287,500 from the Motorcycle Education Account No. 501 each fiscal year for transfer to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to be used for motorcycle safety research, advocacy, and education.
- 13. Appropriation: Combative Sports Event Tax.** Out of amounts appropriated above, one quarter of the tax assessed on gross receipts of combative sports events collected by the Department of Licensing and Regulation, estimated to be \$235,500 in General Revenue Funds, is appropriated each fiscal year in Strategy B.1.1, Conduct Inspections, for the purposes of regulating combative sports events.
- 14. Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners Temporary Attachment.** Amounts appropriated above include \$1,970,517 from the General Revenue Fund for the 2026-27 biennium for the temporary regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine by the Department of Licensing and Regulation. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.
- 15. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Modern and Comprehensive Licensing System.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of funds remaining as of August 31, 2025, that were appropriated to the Department of Licensing and Regulation for the 2024-25 biennium for the capital budget item in the Legacy Modernization category are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, for the same purpose. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the department for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 19,257,523	\$ 19,774,103
<u>General Revenue Fund - Dedicated</u>		
Public Assurance Account No. 5105	\$ 4,203,216	\$ 4,203,216
Texas Physicians Health Program Fund No. 5147	<u>449,179</u>	<u>473,063</u>
Subtotal, General Revenue Fund - Dedicated	\$ 4,652,395	\$ 4,676,279

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Other Funds

Appropriated Receipts	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000
Interagency Contracts	<u>29,835</u>	<u>29,835</u>

Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ <u>404,835</u>	\$ <u>404,835</u>
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<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,314,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,855,217</u></u>
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<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 5,733,263	\$ 5,831,915
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**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	283.0	283.0
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**Schedule of Exempt Positions:**

Executive Director, Group 5	\$174,776	\$174,776
Salary Supplement	12,300	12,300

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal: LICENSURE**

Protect the Public through Licensure of Qualified Practitioners.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>	\$ 6,052,626	\$ 6,180,284
Conduct a Timely, Efficient, Cost-effective Licensure Process.		

**B. Goal: ENFORCE ACTS**

Protect the Public with Investigations, Discipline and Education.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT</b>	\$ 10,956,829	\$ 11,201,720
Conduct Competent, Fair, Timely Investigations and Monitor Results.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM</b>	858,726	877,991
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: PUBLIC EDUCATION</b>	<u>776,814</u>	<u>766,756</u>
Provide Programs to Educate the Public and Licensees.		

<b>Total, Goal B: ENFORCE ACTS</b>	\$ 12,592,369	\$ 12,846,467
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**C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION**

<b>C.1.1. Strategy: CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 2,770,873	\$ 2,839,829
Indirect Administration - Central Administration.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	1,894,945	1,941,324
Indirect Administration - Information Technology.		
<b>C.1.3. Strategy: OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	<u>1,003,940</u>	<u>1,047,313</u>
Indirect Administration - Other Support Services.		

<b>Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ <u>5,669,758</u>	\$ <u>5,828,466</u>
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<b>Grand Total, TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,314,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,855,217</u></u>
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**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 18,002,723	\$ 19,522,972
Other Personnel Costs	601,309	684,819
Professional Fees and Services	2,102,109	2,102,877
Fuels and Lubricants	2,625	2,691
Consumable Supplies	84,064	43,668
Utilities	192,306	197,114
Travel	111,996	151,617
Rent - Building	17,325	17,758
Rent - Machine and Other	41,579	42,618
Other Operating Expense	946,904	966,317
Capital Expenditures	<u>2,211,813</u>	<u>1,122,766</u>

<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 24,314,753</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 24,855,217</u></u>
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**TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**  
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,240,759	\$ 1,252,068
Group Insurance	2,170,674	2,218,103
Social Security	1,183,293	1,194,111
Benefits Replacement	<u>1,358</u>	<u>1,104</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 4,596,084	\$ 4,665,386
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 2,736,286</u>	<u>\$ 2,942,265</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,332,370</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,607,651</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Medical Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Medical Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Medical Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LICENSURE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations	99%	99%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Non-Compact Licenses Issued to Individuals (Physicians)	5,997	6,177
Number of Texas Licenses Issued to Out-of-State Physicians through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	1,139	1,173
Number of Initial Letters of Qualification Issued to Texas Physicians who Seek to Enter into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Program	949	977
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals (Allied Health Professionals)	5,915	6,092
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals: Physician Limited Licenses	5,351	5,512
Number of Non-Compact Licenses Renewed (Individuals) (Physicians)	55,290	56,949
Number of Texas Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Licenses Registered or Renewed by Out-of-State Physicians	534	550
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals) (Allied Health Professional)	31,143	32,077
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days for Individual License Issuance - Non-Compact Physicians	35	35
Average Number of Days for Individual License Issuance to Out-of-State- Physicians through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact	15	15
Average Number of Days for Letter of Qualification Issuance	40	40
Average Number of Days for Individual License Issuance - Allied Health Professionals	22	22
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (Non-Compact Physicians)	105,994	109,174
Total Number of Physicians Participating in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact with Texas as State of Principal License	4,031	4,152
Total Number of Physicians Participating in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact with an Out-of-State State of Principal License	3,077	3,169
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (Allied Health Professionals)	74,263	76,491
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (Physician Limited Licenses)	11,139	11,474
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (Business Facilities)	790	814

**TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD**  
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**B. Goal: ENFORCE ACTS**

**Outcome (Results/Impact):**

Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action (Physician)	14%	14%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action (Allied Health Professionals)	29%	29%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Remedial Action: (Physician)	13%	13%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Remedial Action (Allied Health Professionals)	10%	10%
Percent Complaints Resulting in Warning Letter: (Physician)	6%	6%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Warning Letter (Allied Health)	2%	2%

**B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT**

**Output (Volume):**

Number of Complaints Resolved (Physicians)	1,938	1,997
Number of Complaints Resolved (Allied Health Professionals)	343	353

**Efficiencies:**

Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Physician) (Days)	262	262
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Allied Health Professionals)	365	365

**Explanatory:**

Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received and Filed (Physicians)	1,535	1,581
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received and Filed (Allied Health Professionals)	191	196

**B.1.2. Strategy: PHYSICIAN HEALTH PROGRAM**

**Explanatory:**

Number of Physicians Voluntarily Participating in the Physician Health Program	139	143
Number of Allied Health Professionals Voluntarily Participating in the Physician Health Program	5	5
Number of Physicians Ordered to Participate in the Physician Health Program	104	107
Number of Allied Health Professionals Ordered to Participate in the Physician Health Program	56	58

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Software replacement and upgrades	<u>\$ 371,937</u>	<u>\$ 381,236</u>
Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 371,937</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 381,236</u></u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 362,638	\$ 371,705
GR Dedicated - Texas Physicians Health Program Fund No. 5147	<u>\$ 9,299</u>	<u>\$ 9,531</u>
Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 371,937</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 381,236</u></u>

**3. Salary Supplementation.** In addition to the amount specified in the schedule of exempt positions for the salary of the Executive Director, the Texas Medical Board may approve a salary supplement not to exceed \$12,300 annually if the Executive Director is a medical doctor and an attorney.

**4. Unexpended Balance Appropriation: Texas Physician Health Program.** Unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Texas Medical Board in Strategy B.1.2, Physician Health Program, in the 2026-2027 biennium are appropriated to the Texas Medical Board for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose (estimated to be \$0).

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 11,675,981	\$ 11,676,725
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 4,292,464	\$ 4,292,464
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 15,968,445</u>	<u>\$ 15,969,189</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 3,188,583	\$ 3,215,190
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	141.7	141.7
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 5	\$171,547	\$171,547
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
Accredit, Examine, and License Nurse Education and Practice.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>	\$ 8,218,783	\$ 8,219,527
Operate Efficient System of Nursing Credential Verification.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	594,902	594,903
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: ACCREDITATION</b>	<u>766,800</u>	<u>766,799</u>
Accredit Programs That Include Essential Competencies Curricula.		
<b>Total, Goal A: LICENSING</b>	\$ 9,580,485	\$ 9,581,229
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT PUBLIC</b>		
Protect Public and Enforce Nursing Practice Act.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ADJUDICATE VIOLATIONS</b>	\$ 3,912,446	\$ 3,912,446
Administer System of Enforcement and Adjudication.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE</b>	<u>1,005,458</u>	<u>1,005,458</u>
Identify, Refer and Assist Those Nurses Whose Practice Is Impaired.		
<b>Total, Goal B: PROTECT PUBLIC</b>	\$ 4,917,904	\$ 4,917,904
<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 1,045,056	\$ 1,045,056
<b>D. Goal: EDUCATION CREDENTIAL INTEGRITY</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: REGULATORY RESPONSE</b>	<u>\$ 425,000</u>	<u>\$ 425,000</u>
Enforce Standards in Nursing Education and Adjudicate Violations.		
<b>Grand Total, TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING</b>	<u>\$ 15,968,445</u>	<u>\$ 15,969,189</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 10,276,357	\$ 10,276,357
Other Personnel Costs	179,945	179,945
Professional Fees and Services	982,926	982,926
Consumable Supplies	53,200	53,200
Utilities	19,300	19,300
Travel	85,000	85,000
Rent - Building	19,550	19,550
Rent - Machine and Other	19,197	19,197
Other Operating Expense	<u>4,332,970</u>	<u>4,333,714</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 15,968,445</u>	<u>\$ 15,969,189</u>

**TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING**  
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**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt  
Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 891,601	\$ 899,384
Group Insurance	1,170,925	1,192,609
Social Security	710,068	716,262
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,966</u>	<u>2,412</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 2,775,560	\$ 2,810,667
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 1,898,584</u>	<u>\$ 2,041,504</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 4,674,144</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,852,171</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Texas Board of Nursing. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Texas Board of Nursing. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Texas Board of Nursing shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations (RN)	99.5%	99.5%
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations (APRN)	99.5%	99.5%
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations (LVN)	99%	99%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals (RN)	30,000	30,000
Number of Individual Licenses Renewed (RN)	175,000	175,000
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals (LVN)	4,500	4,500
Number of Individual Licenses Renewed (LVN)	44,000	44,000
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals (APRN)	6,000	6,000
Number of Individual Licenses Renewed (APRN)	23,000	24,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (RN)	405,000	410,000
Total Number of Individuals Licensed (LVN)	102,000	102,000
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT PUBLIC</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action (RN)	9%	9%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action (LVN)	10%	10%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action (APRN)	8%	8%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ADJUDICATE VIOLATIONS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved (RN)	12,000	12,000
Number of Complaints Resolved (LVN)	5,000	5,000
Number of Complaints Resolved (APRN)	1,700	1,700
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days) (RN)	100	100
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days) (LVN)	100	100
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (APRN)	130	130
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received (RN)	12,000	12,000
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received (LVN)	5,250	5,250
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received (APRN)	2,000	2,000
<b>B.1.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Licensed Individuals Participating in a Peer Assistance Program (RN)	500	500
Number of Licensed Individuals Participating in a Peer Assistance Program (LVN)	100	100
Number of Licensed Individuals in Peer Assistance Program (APRN)	50	50
<b>D. Goal: EDUCATION CREDENTIAL INTEGRITY</b>		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy: REGULATORY RESPONSE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
The Total Number of Open Cases in the Enforcement/Legal Departments during the Reporting Period	75	75

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING  
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The Total Number of Education Credential Reviews Completed by the Nursing Department during the Reporting Period	95	95
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**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) STS Contract	\$ 124,788	\$ 131,151
Total, Capital Budget	<u>\$ 124,788</u>	<u>\$ 131,151</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 124,788	\$ 131,151
Total, Method of Financing	<u>\$ 124,788</u>	<u>\$ 131,151</u>

**3. Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies Funding.** Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Licensing, \$739,550 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2026 and \$750,550 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2027 is appropriated to the Board of Nursing to enter into an Interagency Contract with the Department of State Health Services to provide \$411,550 in funding each fiscal year for the Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies and \$328,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$339,000 in fiscal year 2027 to support the grant program to reduce workplace violence against nurses.

**4. Regulatory Response.** Amounts appropriated above to the Texas Board of Nursing include an amount not to exceed \$425,000 each fiscal year from the General Revenue Fund in Strategy D.1.1, Regulatory Response, and 6.0 Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) positions in fiscal year 2026 and 6.0 FTE positions in fiscal year 2027. These amounts are to be expended by the agency to detect nursing education credential fraud and to enforce standards in nursing education and adjudicate violations.

It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds not be included in base level funding requests for the fiscal year 2028-29 biennium.

OPTOMETRY BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 541,474	\$ 538,937
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 549,474</u>	<u>\$ 546,937</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 195,301	\$ 196,855
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	6.0	6.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$107,237	\$107,237
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT		
Manage Quality Program of Examination and Licensure, Enforce Statutes.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 350,192	\$ 350,155
Operate an Efficient & Comprehensive Licensure & Enforcement System.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	23,545	23,545
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK	14,000	14,000
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> PEER ASSISTANCE	<u>47,000</u>	<u>47,000</u>
Provide a Peer Assistance Program for Licensed Individuals.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 434,737	\$ 434,700
<b>B. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 114,737</u>	<u>\$ 112,237</u>
<b>Grand Total, OPTOMETRY BOARD</b>	<u>\$ 549,474</u>	<u>\$ 546,937</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 339,000	\$ 339,000
Other Personnel Costs	19,287	19,767
Professional Fees and Services	57,050	54,550
Consumable Supplies	2,000	2,000
Utilities	850	850
Travel	15,000	15,000
Rent - Building	500	500
Rent - Machine and Other	1,500	1,500
Other Operating Expense	<u>114,287</u>	<u>113,770</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 549,474</u>	<u>\$ 546,937</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 14,546	\$ 14,744
Group Insurance	60,040	61,957
Social Security	<u>23,049</u>	<u>23,314</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 97,635	\$ 100,015
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 148,631</u>	<u>\$ 159,819</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 246,266</u>	<u>\$ 259,834</u>

OPTOMETRY BOARD  
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Optometry Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Optometry Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Optometry Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	98%	98%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSURE AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	189	189
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	2,500	2,500
Number of Complaints Resolved	140	140
Number of Inspections Conducted	63	63
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	115	115
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	5,000	5,000
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	150	150
<b>A.1.4. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Licensed Individuals Participating in a Peer Assistance Program	2	2

BOARD OF PHARMACY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 14,630,542	\$ 14,630,635
GR Dedicated - Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189	\$ 225,000	\$ 150,000
Appropriated Receipts	<u>\$ 214,015</u>	<u>\$ 214,015</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 15,069,557</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,994,650</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 2,985,640	\$ 3,012,233
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	117.0	117.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 4	\$156,336	\$156,336
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: MAINTAIN STANDARDS</b>		
Establish and Maintain Standards for Pharmacy Education and Practice.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING</b>	\$ 1,207,108	\$ 1,207,164
Operate an Application and Renewal Licensure System.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	<u>286,106</u>	<u>286,106</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: MAINTAIN STANDARDS</b>	\$ 1,493,214	\$ 1,493,270

BOARD OF PHARMACY  
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B. Goal: ENFORCE REGULATIONS

Protect Public Health by Enforcing All Laws Relating to Practice.

B.1.1. Strategy: ENFORCEMENT	\$	6,203,066	\$	6,203,103
Operate System of Inspection Assistance Education.				
B.1.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE		359,181		359,181
Provide a Peer Assistance Program for Licensed Individuals.				
B.1.3. Strategy: PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM		5,973,393		5,898,393
Total, Goal B: ENFORCE REGULATIONS	\$	12,535,640	\$	12,460,677

C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION

C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$	1,040,703	\$	1,040,703
Grand Total, BOARD OF PHARMACY	\$	15,069,557	\$	14,994,650

Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:

Salaries and Wages	\$	7,828,698	\$	7,828,698
Other Personnel Costs		174,472		188,222
Professional Fees and Services		5,552,838		5,477,838
Fuels and Lubricants		25,000		25,000
Consumable Supplies		26,362		26,362
Utilities		27,385		27,385
Travel		118,000		118,000
Rent - Building		4,900		4,900
Rent - Machine and Other		12,700		12,700
Other Operating Expense		1,299,202		1,285,545

Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing	\$	15,069,557	\$	14,994,650
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Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits

Retirement	\$	565,922	\$	571,185
Group Insurance		1,073,244		1,097,358
Social Security		529,886		534,814
Benefits Replacement		2,715		2,207
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	2,171,767	\$	2,205,564

Debt Service

Lease Payments	\$	1,694,453	\$	1,822,007
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Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act

\$	3,866,220	\$	4,027,571
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Board of Pharmacy. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Board of Pharmacy. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Board of Pharmacy shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
A. Goal: MAINTAIN STANDARDS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	98%	98%
A.1.1. Strategy: LICENSING		
Output (Volume):		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	2,000	2,000
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	19,500	19,500
Number of New Registrations Issued to Individuals	17,500	17,500
Number of Registrations Renewed (Individuals)	17,000	17,000
Explanatory:		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	40,500	40,500
Total Number of Business Facilities Licensed	8,350	8,350
B. Goal: ENFORCE REGULATIONS		
Outcome (Results/Impact):		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	10%	10%



BOARD OF PHARMACY  
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<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> ENFORCEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Resolved	5,500	5,500
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Resolution Time for Resolving Jurisdictional Complaints (Days)	150	150
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	5,500	5,500
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> PEER ASSISTANCE		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Individuals Participating in A Peer Assistance Program	160	160

**2. Controlled Substance Forfeiture Program.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property or similar monetary awards related to the Board of Pharmacy's participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband (Object Code 3582), are hereby appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy to be used for enforcement purposes. Any funds unexpended at the close of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for fiscal year 2027. Any unexpended funds (estimated to be \$0) at the close of fiscal year 2025 collected under federal or state forfeiture programs, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property or similar monetary awards related to the Board of Pharmacy's participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband are appropriated for fiscal year 2026.

**3. Appropriation of Official Prescription Form Fees.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Board of Pharmacy from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, the amounts of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$200,000 in fiscal year 2027 are for the production, printing, and sale of official prescription forms pursuant to Health and Safety Code, Section 481.075 from fees collected from the sale of official prescription forms. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, any additional fees collected from the sale of official prescription forms for the production, printing, and sale of official prescription forms are appropriated for the same purpose. Any unobligated or unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.

**4. Prescription Monitoring Program.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, include \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2026 and \$3,700,750 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund to implement Narxcare and Statewide Integration. These amounts are exempt from Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to all Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.

Included in amounts appropriated above is \$225,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the Opioid Abatement Account No. 5189 to implement system enhancements related to the Prescription Monitoring Program, including an alert mechanism capable of identifying lapses in treatment for patients prescribed buprenorphine or other medications for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

**5. Unexpended Balances, Prescription Monitoring Program.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, for Strategy B.1.3, Prescription Monitoring Program, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. In addition, any unexpended and unobligated balances of appropriations for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the Board of Pharmacy for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY &  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

Method of Financing:	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,761,816	\$ 1,765,145

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY &  
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS  
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Appropriated Receipts	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 1,886,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,145</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 536,989	\$ 541,439
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	21.0	21.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$116,508	\$116,508
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
License Physical and Occupational Therapists.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATE LICENSING SYSTEM</b> Issue and Renew Licenses.	\$ 925,671	\$ 929,000
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b> Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.	<u>194,196</u>	<u>194,196</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: LICENSING</b>	\$ 1,119,867	\$ 1,123,196
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
Promote Compliance and Enforce PT and OT Practice Acts and Rules.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTER ENFORCEMENT</b> Enforce the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Practice Acts.	\$ 542,584	\$ 542,584
<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 224,365</u>	<u>\$ 224,365</u>
<b>Grand Total, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL THERAPY &amp; OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS</b>	<u>\$ 1,886,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,145</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,301,052	\$ 1,301,052
Other Personnel Costs	45,971	45,971
Professional Fees and Services	5,500	5,500
Consumable Supplies	6,000	6,000
Utilities	11,657	11,657
Travel	12,399	12,399
Rent - Building	500	500
Rent - Machine and Other	1,700	1,700
Other Operating Expense	<u>502,037</u>	<u>505,366</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 1,886,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,145</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 105,651	\$ 106,634
Group Insurance	224,156	229,993
Social Security	<u>83,791</u>	<u>84,570</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 413,598	\$ 421,197
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 421,645</u>	<u>\$ 453,385</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 835,243</u>	<u>\$ 874,582</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient

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and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	2026	2027
<b>A. Goal: LICENSING</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations: Physical Therapy	99%	99%
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations: Occupational Therapy	99%	99%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATE LICENSING SYSTEM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals: Physical Therapy	2,400	2,500
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals: Occupational Therapy	1,400	1,425
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals): Physical Therapy	13,200	13,300
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals): Occupational Therapy	7,600	7,650
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed: Physical Therapy	31,500	32,000
Total Number of Individuals Licensed: Occupational Therapy	18,200	18,350
<b>B. Goal: ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action: Physical Therapy	21%	21%
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action: Occupational Therapy	16%	16%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: ADMINISTER ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Complaints Resolved: Physical Therapy	650	650
Number of Complaints Resolved: Occupational Therapy	420	420
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution: Physical Therapy (Days)	110	110
Average Time for Complaint Resolution: Occupational Therapy (Days)	109	109
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received: Physical Therapy	700	700
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received: Occupational Therapy	500	500

BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,674,961	\$ 4,647,410
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 4,699,961</u>	<u>\$ 4,672,410</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,002,272	\$ 1,011,424
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	58.0	58.0

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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$129,377	\$129,377

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY/PLUMBING		
Ensure Public Health by Licensing and Registering Plumbers.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> EXAMINE AND LICENSE PLUMBERS	\$ 2,158,627	\$ 2,142,626
Administer Competency Examinations, Issue and Renew Licenses.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> TEXAS.GOV	155,000	155,000
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT	1,527,408	1,515,408
Inspect and Monitor Job Sites, Investigate and Resolve Complaints.		
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> CONSUMER EDUCATION/PUBLIC AWARENESS	<u>395,100</u>	<u>395,100</u>
Consumer Education and Public Awareness.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY/PLUMBING	\$ 4,236,135	\$ 4,208,134
<b>B. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INDIRECT ADMIN	<u>\$ 463,826</u>	<u>\$ 464,276</u>
Indirect Administration.		
<b>Grand Total, BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS</b>	<u>\$ 4,699,961</u>	<u>\$ 4,672,410</u>

**Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:**

Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,834,035	\$ 2,834,034
Other Personnel Costs	93,400	93,400
Professional Fees and Services	145,226	145,676
Fuels and Lubricants	12,000	12,000
Consumable Supplies	33,500	33,500
Utilities	67,700	67,700
Travel	127,500	127,500
Rent - Building	385,500	385,500
Rent - Machine and Other	21,100	21,100
Other Operating Expense	<u>980,000</u>	<u>952,000</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 4,699,961</u>	<u>\$ 4,672,410</u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 206,780	\$ 208,703
Group Insurance	479,710	492,205
Social Security	<u>170,554</u>	<u>172,140</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 857,044</u>	<u>\$ 873,048</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Board of Plumbing Examiners. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Board of Plumbing Examiners. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Board of Plumbing Examiners shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY/PLUMBING		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Complaints Resolved Resulting in Disciplinary Action	53%	53%
Percentage of Licensees/Registrants with No Recent Violations	98%	98%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> EXAMINE AND LICENSE PLUMBERS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses, Registrations and Endorsements Issued	10,280	10,350
Number of Licenses, Registrations and Endorsements Renewed	45,500	45,800

BOARD OF PLUMBING EXAMINERS  
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<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed, Registered and Endorsed (Unduplicated)	76,230	76,250
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Number of Compliance Checks Performed	10,000	10,000
Number of Investigations Conducted	750	750
Number of Complaints Resolved	750	750
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution	125	125
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Percentage of Compliance Checks Found with Violations	3.8%	3.8%
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	770	770

2. **Surplus Property.** Notwithstanding Article IX, Section 8.03, Surplus Property, one hundred percent of the receipts to the Board of Plumbing Examiners from the sale of scrap metal is appropriated to the Board for the purpose of providing materials necessary to conduct licensing examinations during the biennium in which the receipts are received.

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	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 1,988,194	\$ 2,020,837
GR Dedicated - Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597	\$ 4,205,578	\$ 4,205,579
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Texas-bred Incentive Fund No. 327, estimated	\$ 2,095,000	\$ 2,065,000
Appropriated Receipts	<u>1,166,410</u>	<u>1,166,410</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 3,261,410</u>	<u>\$ 3,231,410</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,455,182</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,457,826</u></u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 1,075,231	\$ 1,085,234
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 28.1% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	57.3	57.3
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$142,335	\$142,335
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: ENABLE LICENSED ACTIVITIES</b>		
Enable Licensed Activities Through Business and Occupational Licensing.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: PROVIDE LICENSING SERVICES</b>	\$ 636,376	\$ 636,376
Provide Business and Occupational Licensing Services.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: CRIMINAL HISTORY &amp; BACKGROUND CHECK</b>	2,500	2,500
Criminal History And Background Checks. Estimated And Nontransferable.		
<b>A.1.3. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Total, Goal A: ENABLE LICENSED ACTIVITIES</b>	\$ 648,876	\$ 648,876

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<b>B. Goal: PROTECT RACING SAFETY &amp; INTEGRITY</b>		
Protect The Integrity And Safety of Texas Racing.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> DETER, INVESTIGATE, AND ADJUDICATE	\$ 1,148,430	\$ 1,148,429
Deter, Investigate, And Adjudicate Violations of The Texas Racing Act.		
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> WAGERING INTEGRITY AND SECURITY	465,459	465,459
Increase the Integrity and Security of Pari-mutuel Wagering.		
<b>B.1.3. Strategy:</b> PREVENT INJURIES/EMERGENCY RESPONSE	563,797	563,796
Prevent Injuries and Respond to Medical Emergencies.		
<b>B.1.4. Strategy:</b> ADMINISTER DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS	212,606	212,609
		& UB
<b>B.1.5. Strategy:</b> FORENSIC LABORATORY SERVICES	2,332,820	2,332,820
Forensic Laboratory Services For Equine Testing.		& UB
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> PROTECT RACING SAFETY & INTEGRITY	\$ 4,723,112	\$ 4,723,113
<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMIN & OTHER SUPPORT SVCS	\$ 1,475,242	\$ 1,496,278
Central Administration and Other Support Services.		
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	512,952	524,559
<b>Total, Goal C:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,988,194	\$ 2,020,837
<b>D. Goal: TEXAS BRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM</b>		
Texas Bred Incentive Fund Administration.		
<b>D.1.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS BRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM	\$ 2,095,000	\$ 2,065,000
Allocate Texas Bred Incentive Funds. Estimated and Nontransferable.		
<b>Grand Total, RACING COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 9,455,182</u>	<u>\$ 9,457,826</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,862,535	\$ 2,862,535
Other Personnel Costs	238,453	238,453
Professional Fees and Services	2,945,221	2,956,848
Fuels and Lubricants	75,000	75,000
Consumable Supplies	66,308	66,320
Utilities	13,978	28,654
Travel	254,355	254,355
Rent - Building	350	350
Rent - Machine and Other	1,500	1,500
Other Operating Expense	731,142	841,811
Grants	2,095,000	2,065,000
Capital Expenditures	171,340	67,000
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 9,455,182</u>	<u>\$ 9,457,826</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 202,607	\$ 204,491
Group Insurance	788,458	817,015
Social Security	211,362	213,328
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,202,427	\$ 1,234,834
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	\$ 651,283	\$ 700,309
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 1,853,710</u>	<u>\$ 1,935,143</u>

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**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Racing Commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Racing Commission. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Racing Commission shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: ENABLE LICENSED ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: PROVIDE LICENSING SERVICES</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Occupational Licenses Issued	1,800	1,800
Number of Occupational Licenses Renewed	4,000	4,000
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	16,000	17,000
<b>B. Goal: PROTECT RACING SAFETY &amp; INTEGRITY</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Race Horses that Sustain a Catastrophic Injury	0.2%	0.2%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: DETER, INVESTIGATE, AND ADJUDICATE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Racetrack Inspections	4	4
Number of Occupational Licenses Suspended or Revoked	15	15
Number of Investigations Completed	25	25
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Complaints Received Against Licensees	5	5
<b>B.1.3. Strategy: PREVENT INJURIES/EMERGENCY RESPONSE</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Horses Inspected Pre-race	12,000	12,000

**2. Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Shared Technology Services Program	<u>\$ 132,743</u>	<u>\$ 144,370</u>
 Total, Capital Budget	<u><u>\$ 132,743</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,370</u></u>
 Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
 General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 132,743</u>	<u>\$ 144,370</u>
 Total, Method of Financing	<u><u>\$ 132,743</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 144,370</u></u>

**3. Texas Bred Incentive Program Receipts.** The amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Bred Incentive Program, from the Texas-bred Incentive Fund No. 327 are estimated amounts set aside by the Texas Racing Act pursuant to Occupations Code, Sections 2028.101, 2028.103, 2028.105, 2028.154, and 2028.202 for the Texas Bred Incentive Program. Any additional revenue set aside by the Texas Racing Act pursuant to Occupations Code, Sections 2028.101, 2028.103, 2028.105, 2028.154, and 2028.202 for the Texas Bred Incentive Program (estimated to be \$0) is appropriated to the Racing Commission in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Bred Incentive Program, in each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium.

None of the funds appropriated above for Texas Bred Incentive Program Awards may be expended for payments to a member serving on the commission. The Racing Commission shall take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with this provision.

**4. Criminal History Checks and Background Checks.**

- a. Funds appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2, Criminal History and Background Check, from GR Dedicated - Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597 (estimated to be \$2,500 in fiscal year 2026 and \$2,500 in fiscal year 2027) are for the purpose of reimbursing the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and/or any other entity authorized to conduct criminal history background checks for costs incurred in conducting criminal history checks or background checks on individuals seeking to transfer ownership interest in an existing racetrack license and on Racing Commission license applicants and

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renewals. Any additional revenue received from occupational and business license fees to cover the costs of criminal history checks or background checks (estimated to be \$0) is appropriated to Strategy A.1.2, Criminal History and Background Check, for the purpose of reimbursing the DPS, FBI, and/or any other entity authorized to conduct criminal history background checks.

- b. Before May 31, 2026, the Racing Commission shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Board, in a format prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, that details the amount collected and expended on criminal history checks and background checks to date and the amount the agency is projecting to collect and expend on criminal history checks and background checks for the remainder of the 2026-27 biennium.
  - c. Any appropriation authority identified in subsection (a) of this rider not used for criminal history checks or background checks shall be lapsed by the Racing Commission.
- 5. Witness Fees.** From the appropriations made above, the Texas Racing Commission may pay the witness fees and travel expenses of out-of-state witnesses, subject to the advance, written approval of the Executive Director, for the law violation under investigation.
- 6. Recruitment and Retention Payments.** In accordance with Article IX, Section 3.06, of this Act, and with the approval of the Executive Director, the Racing Commission may pay an individual a recruitment or retention bonus as provided by Government Code, Section 659.262.
- 7. Moving Expenses.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, and with the approval of the Executive Director, the Racing Commission may use appropriated funds to pay the reasonable, necessary, and resulting costs of moving the household goods and effects of an employee of the Racing Commission who is transferred from one designated field office or headquarters to another so long as the Racing Commission determines that the best interests of the State will be served by such transfer.
- 8. Commissioner Travel.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Racing Commission may not expend more than \$5,000 each fiscal year for payment or reimbursement for expenses related to the travel of the seven appointed members of the Texas Racing Commission.
- 9. State Contribution to Group Insurance for Retired Employees of the Racing Commission.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IX, Section 6.08, subsection (a), of this Act, the state contribution to group health insurance coverage for retired employees of the Racing Commission shall be paid from the General Revenue Fund.
- 10. Appropriation of Reimbursements for Medication or Drug Testing.** Out of the amounts appropriated above to the Racing Commission from Appropriated Receipts in Strategy B.1.5, Forensic Laboratory Services, \$1,166,410 in each fiscal year is estimated reimbursements from racetracks to the Racing Commission for expenses related to medication or drug testing pursuant to Occupations Code, Section 2034.003. In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy B.1.5, Forensic Laboratory Services, any additional revenue collected from racetrack reimbursements for medication or drug testing expenses is appropriated for the same purpose. Any unobligated or unexpended balances of these appropriations remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated in the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, for the same purpose.
- 11. Indirect Administration.** Notwithstanding Article VIII, Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies, Section 2, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections, out of amounts appropriated above to the Racing Commission in Goal C, Indirect Administration, \$1,988,194 for fiscal year 2026 and \$2,020,837 for fiscal year 2027 from General Revenue Funds shall be used for all indirect administrative and support services provided by each Strategy under Goal C, Indirect Administration.
- 12. Asset Forfeiture Appropriations Authority.** In addition to amounts appropriated above, all funds received under Chapter 59, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Chapter 71, Property Code, by the Texas Racing Commission or awarded to the Texas Racing Commission by the United States Department of Justice based on the approval of an Equitable Sharing Request (DAG-71) form (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, Deter, Investigate, and Adjudicate, to be used for law enforcement purposes. Any unexpended funds (estimated to be \$0) at the close of each fiscal year from funds appropriated by this rider are appropriated for the following fiscal year.



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- 13. Unexpended Balance Authority: Seized Assets.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances of forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to Texas Racing Commission participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband appropriated under Article IX, Section 8.02, of this Act that are remaining as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026. The Texas Racing Commission is authorized to expend these funds for purposes authorized by the Texas Racing Act, including capital budget purposes. Such expenditures must comply with limitations established for salary, travel, capital expenditures, employment levels, and other provisions contained in Article IX of this Act. The Texas Racing Commission shall provide the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, and the Comptroller of Public Accounts a report, not later than October 1, 2026, of amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2026 to fiscal year 2027 under this provision and the purposes for which those amounts would be expended in fiscal year 2027.
- 14. Clothing and Equipment Provisions.** Any additional revenues in the GR - Dedicated Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597 received from occupational and business license fees to cover the costs of deterring, investigating and adjudicating violations of the Texas Racing Act (Object Codes 3188, 3189, and 3196) above amounts included in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027 (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the Racing Commission for the following purposes:
- (a) to provide for a commissioned officer who is newly hired or newly commissioned a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase and maintain appropriate uniforms;
  - (b) to provide for a commissioned officer who is entitled to receive a clothing allowance to also receive a \$500 cleaning allowance irrespective of promotion to any rank; and
  - (c) to provide for any employee assigned to work in the veterinary or laboratory test barn or stable areas of a racetrack who is entitled to wear medical scrubs issued by the agency a \$1,200 clothing allowance to purchase protective boots, knee pads, back support, and protective items.

**SECURITIES BOARD**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,330,426	\$ 9,330,426
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 9,330,426</u>	<u>\$ 9,330,426</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 2,758,032	\$ 2,781,065
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	93.0	93.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Securities Commissioner, Group 5	\$177,836	\$177,836
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: PROTECT INVESTORS</b>		
Protect Investors and Assure Access to Capital for Business.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: LAW ENFORCEMENT</b>	\$ 3,511,469	\$ 3,511,469
Investigate Violations, Coordinate Appropriate Action by Authorities.		
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: SECURITIES REGISTRATION</b>	517,756	517,756
Review Security Documentation for Conformity.		
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: DEALER REGISTRATION</b>	515,393	515,393
Perform Extensive Review of Applications and Submissions.		

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<b>A.4.1. Strategy:</b> INSPECT RECORDS Inspect Dealer & Investment Adviser Records for Regulatory Compliance.	<u>2,264,806</u>	<u>2,264,806</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> PROTECT INVESTORS	\$ 6,809,424	\$ 6,809,424
<b>B. Goal:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,969,784	\$ 1,969,784
<b>B.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	<u>551,218</u>	<u>551,218</u>
<b>Total, Goal B:</b> INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	<u>\$ 2,521,002</u>	<u>\$ 2,521,002</u>
<b>Grand Total, SECURITIES BOARD</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,330,426</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,330,426</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,544,053	\$ 7,544,053
Other Personnel Costs	307,565	307,565
Professional Fees and Services	299,865	299,865
Consumable Supplies	11,097	11,097
Utilities	37,550	37,550
Travel	122,465	122,465
Rent - Building	159,574	159,574
Rent - Machine and Other	13,603	13,603
Other Operating Expense	<u>834,654</u>	<u>834,654</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,330,426</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,330,426</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 636,936	\$ 642,859
Group Insurance	1,042,697	1,070,165
Social Security	520,657	525,499
Benefits Replacement	<u>2,715</u>	<u>2,207</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,203,005</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,240,730</u></u>

**1. Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Securities Board. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Securities Board. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Securities Board shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal:</b> PROTECT INVESTORS		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Texas Dealers and Investment Advisers Inspected	19%	19%
Percentage of Inspected Dealers and Investment Advisers Found to Require Corrective Action	80%	80%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LAW ENFORCEMENT		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Investigations Opened	448	448
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> SECURITIES REGISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Securities Filings and Submissions Processed	65,087	65,087
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Revenues Deposited to the State Treasury from Securities Applications	149,700,000	149,700,000
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> DEALER REGISTRATION		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Dealers, Agents, Investment Advisers, and Investment Advisor Representatives Applications and Submissions Processed	519,975	519,975
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Dealers, Agents, Investment Advisers, and Investment Advisor Representatives Licensed or Authorized	398,558	398,558

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**A.4.1. Strategy:** INSPECT RECORDS  
**Output (Volume):**

Number of Inspections Conducted	348	348
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**2. Digital Wallet Money Reporting.** The Securities Board shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Legislature when appropriated funds used as flash money to purchase digital wallets in the support of investigation efforts of potential fraudulent digital asset promotion have been recovered. The Securities Board shall report annually no later than January 1, each year of the biennium.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 30,090,121	\$ 29,507,372
GR Dedicated - Water Resource Management Account No. 153	\$ 5,077,787	\$ 4,892,049
<u>Other Funds</u>		
Texas Energy Fund No. 0176	\$ 2,000,000,000	\$ 0
Appropriated Receipts	<u>475,000</u>	<u>475,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 2,000,475,000</u>	<u>\$ 475,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,035,642,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,874,421</u></u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	301.0	301.0
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<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 7	\$257,858	\$257,858
Commissioner, Group 7	(4) 230,000	(4) 230,000
Commission Chairman, Group 7	230,000	230,000

**Items of Appropriation:**

**A. Goal:** COMPETITION/CHOICE/RATES/SERVICE  
Ensure Competition, Choice, Just Rates, and Reliable Quality Service.

<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> MARKET COMPETITION Foster and Monitor Market Competition.	\$ 12,178,044	\$ 11,421,884
<b>A.2.1. Strategy:</b> UTILITY REGULATION Conduct Rate Cases for Regulated Telephone, Electric & Water Utilities.	11,298,314	11,344,813
<b>A.3.1. Strategy:</b> INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT Conduct Investigations and Initiate Enforcement Actions.	4,893,904	5,019,617
<b>A.4.1. Strategy:</b> TEXAS ENERGY FUND Grants and Loans for Electric Generating Facilities.	<u>2,000,856,800</u>	<u>856,800</u>

<b>Total, Goal A:</b> COMPETITION/CHOICE/RATES/SERVICE	\$ 2,029,227,062	\$ 28,643,114
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**B. Goal:** EDUCATION AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE  
Educate Customers and Assist Customers.

<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS Provide Information and Educational Outreach to Customers.	\$ 1,452,041	\$ 1,471,360
<b>B.2.1. Strategy:</b> ASSIST CUSTOMERS Assist Customers in Resolving Disputes.	<u>1,499,162</u>	<u>1,520,983</u>

<b>Total, Goal B:</b> EDUCATION AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE	\$ 2,951,203	\$ 2,992,343
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<b>C. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>C.1.1. Strategy:</b> CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,756,440	\$ 1,802,417
<b>C.1.2. Strategy:</b> INFORMATION RESOURCES	1,650,369	1,377,438
<b>C.1.3. Strategy:</b> OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES	<u>57,834</u>	<u>59,109</u>
<b>Total, Goal C: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 3,464,643</u>	<u>\$ 3,238,964</u>
<b>Grand Total, PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,035,642,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,874,421</u></u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 29,458,592	\$ 30,340,970
Other Personnel Costs	376,978	383,960
Professional Fees and Services	2,003,528,148	1,971,709
Consumable Supplies	68,100	68,100
Utilities	13,000	13,000
Travel	162,038	165,778
Rent - Building	10,000	10,000
Rent - Machine and Other	295,567	314,400
Other Operating Expense	<u>1,730,485</u>	<u>1,606,504</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,035,642,908</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,874,421</u></u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 2,344,408	\$ 2,364,387
Group Insurance	2,969,744	3,046,437
Social Security	2,009,193	2,026,409
Benefits Replacement	<u>5,430</u>	<u>4,414</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u><u>\$ 7,328,775</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,441,647</u></u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Public Utility Commission of Texas. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Public Utility Commission of Texas. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: COMPETITION/CHOICE/RATES/SERVICE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Texas Cities Served by Three or More Certificated Telecommunication Providers	70%	70%
Average Price of Electricity per kWh in Texas for Residential Customers from Competitive Suppliers as a Percentage of the National Residential Average	85%	85%
Average Annual Residential Electric Bill from Competitive Suppliers as a Percentage of the National Average	115%	115%
Average Price of Electricity per kWh for Residential Customers from Competitive Suppliers in Texas Offered on the Power-to-Choose Website as a Percentage of the National Average Cost of Electricity for the Same Class of Service	70%	70%
Number of Megawatts Resulting from Texas Energy Fund Programs	5,000	6,200
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: MARKET COMPETITION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Cases Completed Related to Competition Among Providers	250	250
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Process an Application for a Certificate of Authority and Service Provider Certificate of Authority	133	133
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: UTILITY REGULATION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Rate Cases Completed for Regulated Electric Utilities	65	65
Number of Rate Cases Completed for Regulated Telecommunications Providers	2	2

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Number of Water Utility Rate Reviews Performed	80	80
Number of Water Certificate of Convenience Applications Processed	165	165
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Process a Major Rate Case for a Transmission and Distribution Utility	200	200
<b>A.3.1. Strategy: INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Enforcement Investigations Conducted	150	150
<b>A.4.1. Strategy: TEXAS ENERGY FUND</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Total Dollar Amount of TEF Funds Obligated to Awardees	3,200,000,000	4,700,000,000
Number of Grants and Low-Interest Loans Awarded	2,500	5,000
<b>B. Goal: EDUCATION AND CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Customer Complaints Resolved through Informal Complaint Resolution Process	99%	99%
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INFORMATION AND EDUCATION EFFORTS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Presentations or Meetings Conducted by the Office of Public Engagement to Expand Understanding of the PUCT's Processes and How to Engage with the Agency	24	24
Number of Responses to Calls and Emails to the Office of Public Engagement	680	680
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Power - to - Choose Website Hits	1,000,000	1,000,000
<b>B.2.1. Strategy: ASSIST CUSTOMERS</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Customer Complaints Concluded	8,000	8,000
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days to Conclude Customer Complaints	25	25

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Data Center/Shared Technology Services		
(1) Data Center Consolidation	\$ <u>774,427</u>	\$ <u>494,160</u>
Total, Capital Budget	\$ <u>774,427</u>	\$ <u>494,160</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ <u>774,427</u>	\$ <u>494,160</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$ <u>774,427</u>	\$ <u>494,160</u>

3. **Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026 in appropriations made to the Public Utility Commission of Texas are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

4. **Enhanced Analytics Reporting.** Out of funds appropriated above, the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall report to the Legislative Budget Board, the Sunset Advisory Commission, and the Legislature on an annual basis by December 1 of each year the activities and findings of the agency’s enhanced analytic capabilities provided by the Data Analysis Team and expanded engineering expertise. The report shall include, at a minimum:

- (a) The number of projects conducted by the Data Analytics Team or in which the team participated for the prior fiscal year. Projects include research conducted by the team or a problem studied by the team, and is reported to one or more of staff at PUC or ERCOT, a PUC commissioner, an ERCOT board member, the Independent Market Monitor (IMM), or a consultant. Projects also include verification of data received from ERCOT, the IMM, a consultant, or a utility.

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- (b) A short description and status of each significant project in which the team participated.
- (c) A listing of any software license or hardware purchased to support the agency’s enhanced analytic capabilities in the prior fiscal year.
- (d) Any notable outcomes or efficiencies that occurred in the prior fiscal year as a result of the agency’s enhanced analytic capabilities.
- (e) Any recommendations for future performance measures related to the agency’s enhanced analytic capabilities.

Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or Sunset Advisory Commission should be provided in a timely manner. The request and information provided subsequently shall be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

5. Texas Energy Fund.

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall transfer \$2,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025. The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall consult with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to coordinate the timing of transfers to the Texas Energy Fund No. 0176.
- (b) The transfers made under Subsection (a), included in appropriations made in Strategy A.4.1, Texas Energy Fund, shall be used to provide grants and loans for electric generating facilities.
- (c) In addition to amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.4.1, all unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 as of August 31, 2025, are appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025 (estimated to be \$0).
- (d) All unexpended and unobligated balances in Texas Energy Fund No. 0176 appropriated to the Public Utility Commission of Texas for fiscal year 2025 and remaining as of August 31, 2026, (estimated to be \$0) are appropriated to the agency for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,044,070	\$ 3,044,070
GR Dedicated - Water Resource Management Account No. 153	\$ 1,019,194	\$ 1,019,194
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 4,063,264	\$ 4,063,264
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):	25.0	25.0
Schedule of Exempt Positions:		
Public Counsel, Group 4	\$165,000	\$165,000
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: EQUITABLE UTILITY RATES		
Equitable Utility Rates for Residential and Small Commercial Consumers.		
A.1.1. Strategy: PARTICIPATION IN CASES	\$ 3,049,044	\$ 3,049,044
Participate in Major Utility Cases.		

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<b>B. Goal: CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		
Protect Consumer Interests in Utility Markets.		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY PROJECTS	\$ 1,014,220	\$ 1,014,220
Participate in Major Utility Projects Affecting Consumers.		
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL</b>	<u>\$ 4,063,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,063,264</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,663,582	\$ 2,663,582
Other Personnel Costs	95,957	95,957
Professional Fees and Services	1,152,703	1,152,703
Consumable Supplies	12,500	12,500
Utilities	4,246	4,246
Travel	17,350	17,350
Rent - Building	1,568	1,568
Other Operating Expense	<u>115,358</u>	<u>115,358</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 4,063,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,063,264</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 130,562	\$ 131,776
Group Insurance	240,294	247,510
Social Security	99,190	100,112
Benefits Replacement	<u>679</u>	<u>552</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 470,725</u>	<u>\$ 479,950</u>

1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Office of Public Utility Counsel. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Office of Public Utility Counsel. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Office of Public Utility Counsel shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: EQUITABLE UTILITY RATES</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of OPUC Utility Cases that are Competition Related	40%	40%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> PARTICIPATION IN CASES		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Utility Cases in which OPUC Participates	63	63
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Cost Per Utility Case in which OPUC Participates	23,302	23,302
<b>B. Goal: CONSUMER PROTECTION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy:</b> PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY PROJECTS		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Utility Projects in which OPUC Participates	38	38

2. **Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium.** Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, in appropriations made to the Office of Public Utility Counsel are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,940,541	\$ 2,941,821

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
(Continued)

Appropriated Receipts	\$ 5,527	\$ 5,527
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 2,946,068</u>	<u>\$ 2,947,348</u>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 516,539	\$ 520,788
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE):</b>	29.0	29.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions:</b>		
Executive Director, Group 2	\$120,740	\$120,740
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal: VETERINARY REGULATION</b>		
Implement Standards of Veterinary Practice, Enforce Statutes and Rules.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATE LICENSURE SYSTEM</b> Examine and License Veterinarians and Renew Licenses.	\$ 568,193	\$ 568,533
<b>A.1.2. Strategy: TEXAS.GOV</b> Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable.	40,000	40,000
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: COMPLAINTS AND ACTION</b> Investigate Complaints, Take Disciplinary Action, Compliance Program.	2,117,810	2,118,750
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE</b> Provide a Peer Assistance Program for Licensed Individuals.	<u>85,500</u>	<u>85,500</u>
<b>Total, Goal A: VETERINARY REGULATION</b>	\$ 2,811,503	\$ 2,812,783
<b>B. Goal: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>		
<b>B.1.1. Strategy: INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>\$ 134,565</u>	<u>\$ 134,565</u>
<b>Grand Total, BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS</b>	<u>\$ 2,946,068</u>	<u>\$ 2,947,348</u>
<b>Object-of-Expense Informational Listing:</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,870,614	\$ 1,870,614
Other Personnel Costs	52,001	52,781
Professional Fees and Services	708,055	708,055
Consumable Supplies	6,500	6,500
Utilities	22,350	22,350
Travel	50,000	50,000
Rent - Building	1,700	1,700
Rent - Machine and Other	1,200	1,200
Other Operating Expense	<u>233,648</u>	<u>234,148</u>
<b>Total, Object-of-Expense Informational Listing</b>	<u>\$ 2,946,068</u>	<u>\$ 2,947,348</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 140,318	\$ 141,623
Group Insurance	213,204	218,073
Social Security	<u>117,449</u>	<u>118,542</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 470,971	\$ 478,238
<u>Debt Service</u>		
Lease Payments	<u>\$ 485,806</u>	<u>\$ 522,376</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 956,777</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,614</u>



BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
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1. **Performance Measure Targets.** The following is a listing of the key performance target levels for the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. In order to achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall make every effort to attain the following designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>A. Goal: VETERINARY REGULATION</b>		
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Licensees with No Recent Violations	97%	97%
Percentage of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	34%	34%
<b>A.1.1. Strategy: OPERATE LICENSURE SYSTEM</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	900	900
Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	10,200	10,200
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Total Number of Individuals Licensed	15,000	15,000
<b>A.2.1. Strategy: COMPLAINTS AND ACTION</b>		
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Compliance Inspections	1,600	1,600
Number of Complaints Resolved	980	980
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	180	180
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Jurisdictional Complaints Received	420	420
<b>A.2.2. Strategy: PEER ASSISTANCE</b>		
<b>Explanatory:</b>		
Number of Individuals Participating in a Peer Assistance Program	25	25

2. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with a "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Section 1232.103.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Licensing Database	\$ <u>300,120</u>	\$ <u>300,120</u>
Total, Capital Budget	\$ <u>300,120</u>	\$ <u>300,120</u>
Method of Financing (Capital Budget):		
General Revenue Fund	\$ <u>300,120</u>	\$ <u>300,120</u>
Total, Method of Financing	\$ <u>300,120</u>	\$ <u>300,120</u>

3. **State Office of Administrative Hearings Cases.** Amounts appropriated above include \$25,000 from the General Revenue Fund funding in Strategy A.2.1, Complaints and Action, each fiscal year to be used for case preparation associated with cases anticipated to be filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, <u>2026</u>	August 31, <u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 32,910,000	\$ 35,170,821
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 33,969,788	\$ 36,829,095
Federal Funds	\$ 462,981	\$ 504,899

**RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE**  
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Other Special State Funds	\$ 853,315	\$ 931,400
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 68,196,084</u>	<u>\$ 73,436,215</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 21,317,772	\$ 21,508,311
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE	<u>46,878,312</u>	<u>51,927,904</u>
Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 68,196,084</u>	<u>\$ 73,436,215</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u>\$ 68,196,084</u>	<u>\$ 73,436,215</u>

**SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 9,945,774	\$ 10,029,449
General Revenue Dedicated Accounts	\$ 7,332,130	\$ 7,391,268
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 157,353</u>	<u>\$ 158,696</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 17,435,257</u>	<u>\$ 17,579,413</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT		
Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER	\$ 17,375,256	\$ 17,530,632
State Match -- Employer. Estimated.		
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>60,001</u>	<u>48,781</u>
Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.		
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u>\$ 17,435,257</u>	<u>\$ 17,579,413</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u>\$ 17,435,257</u>	<u>\$ 17,579,413</u>

**LEASE PAYMENTS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 29,942,559	\$ 32,196,542
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 29,942,559</u>	<u>\$ 32,196,542</u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 29,942,559	\$ 32,196,542
To TFC for Payment to TPFA.		& UB
<b>Grand Total,</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	<u>\$ 29,942,559</u>	<u>\$ 32,196,542</u>

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ALL REGULATORY AGENCIES**

**Sec. 2. Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** It is the intent of the Legislature that fees, fines, miscellaneous revenues, and available fund balances as authorized and generated by each of the following agencies cover, at a minimum, the cost of appropriations made above and elsewhere in this Act to those agencies as well as an amount equal to the amount identified in the informational item "Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act." Revenue bonds for lease payments as assessed to these agencies are exempted from this calculation.

- Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Texas State Board of Dental Examiners
- Funeral Service Commission
- Board of Professional Geoscientists
- Office of Injured Employee Counsel
- Department of Insurance
- Office of Public Insurance Counsel
- Department of Licensing and Regulation
- Texas Medical Board
- Texas Board of Nursing
- Optometry Board
- Board of Pharmacy
- Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners
- Board of Plumbing Examiners
- Behavioral Health Executive Council
- Racing Commission
- Securities Board
- Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections and fund balances are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board and Governor may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.

**Sec. 3. Funding for Health Professions Council.** An agency participating in the Health Professions Council shall transfer funds through interagency contract to the Health Professions Council from appropriations made to the agency elsewhere in this Act in order to carry out the functions required under Chapter 101, Occupations Code, and to maintain other Council services. Agency costs for administrative and support services are based on agreements between the Council and its member agencies. Costs for other services are based on a participating agency's usage. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health Professions Council, are funds transferred by the following participating agencies in the amounts noted below for each year of the 2026-27 biennium:

Participating Agency	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	\$18,117	\$18,117
Board of Plumbing Examiners	\$147,335	\$150,646
Board of Professional Geoscientists	\$33,389	\$35,067
Texas Medical Board	\$90,747	\$90,747
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	\$280,339	\$283,611
Board of Nursing	\$150,727	\$150,727
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	\$27,696	\$27,578
Funeral Service Commission	\$62,998	\$61,199
Optometry Board	\$47,596	\$47,526
Board of Pharmacy	\$547,546	\$555,058
Behavioral Health Executive Council	\$298,080	\$304,388
Health and Human Services Commission	\$11,599	\$11,599
Exec Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners	\$147,528	\$150,724
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$46,909	\$46,909
Total	\$1,910,606	\$1,933,896

**Sec. 4. Texas.gov Appropriation.**

- a. Each Article VIII licensing agency participating in the Texas.gov is authorized in accordance with Section 2054.252 of the Government Code to increase the occupational license, permit, and registration fees imposed on the licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee charged by the Texas.gov.

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- b. The following is an informational listing of appropriated fee revenue for each Article VIII licensing agency participating in Sec. 4. Texas.gov Appropriation.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	\$ 20,850	\$ 20,850
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000
Funeral Service Commission	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Board of Professional Geoscientists	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Department of Insurance	\$ 494,200	\$ 494,200
Department of Licensing and Regulation	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000
Texas Board of Nursing	\$ 594,902	\$ 594,903
Optometry Board	\$ 23,545	\$ 23,545
Board of Pharmacy	\$ 251,106	\$ 251,106
Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	\$ 194,196	\$ 194,196
Board of Plumbing Examiners	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
Behavioral Health Executive Council	\$ 210,350	\$ 210,350
Racing Commission	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Total	2,929,149	2,929,150

- c. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections from fee increases to cover the cost of Texas.gov subscription fees are insufficient to offset the costs identified above, the Comptroller is hereby directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to agencies participating in Texas.gov to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.
- d. For new licensing applications, the Article VIII licensing agencies participating in Texas.gov are hereby appropriated the additional revenue generated from occupational license, permit, or registration fees in excess of the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate for 2026-27 for the sole purpose of payment to the Texas.gov contractor of subscription fees for implementing and maintaining electronic services for the licensing agencies. Each agency, upon completion of necessary actions to access or increase fees, shall furnish copies of board meeting minutes, an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the Comptroller. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purposes.
- e. Each Article VIII licensing agency participating in Texas.gov shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts in writing upon receiving an exemption from participating in Texas.gov. Within 45 days of receiving an exemption, an agency shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller with a report of the effective date, the reason for exemption, and all estimated expenditures for Texas.gov costs in the fiscal year in which the exemption is made.

**Sec. 5. Peer Assistance Program Funding Requirements.** Funds collected during the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, by the Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Chapter 564, Occupations Code, and by the Texas Board of Nursing, the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, the Optometry Board, and the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners pursuant to Chapter 467 of the Health and Safety Code, in order to administer or finance peer assistance programs for professionals impaired by chemical dependency or mental illness, are appropriated elsewhere in this Act as identified in each Board's peer assistance strategy. The expenditure of the appropriations identified by this section is hereby made contingent upon sufficient revenue collections from peer assistance surcharges or other receipts collected pursuant to Chapter 467 of the Health and Safety Code or Chapter 564, Occupations Code as appropriate. None of the appropriations identified by this section may be expended unless each agency with a peer assistance program has on file the following current documents:

- a. a request for proposal documentation and contracts documenting that the respective agency governing board has a competitively bid contract with the peer assistance program;
- b. documentation for programs authorized under Chapter 467 of the Health and Safety Code that the agency's peer assistance program has been certified by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) as meeting all HHSC criteria for peer assistance programs;

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- c. documentation for programs authorized under Chapter 467 showing compliance with statutory requirements regarding eligible participants and conditions for which services may be offered; and
- d. documentation that the program has been approved by the agency governing board.

**Sec. 6. Contingency Appropriation for Criminal History Record Information.**

- a. For each Article VIII licensing agency conducting criminal history background checks that is authorized in accordance with the Government Code to increase the occupational license, permit, and/or registration fee imposed on the licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the fee charged by the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and/or any other entity authorized to conduct criminal history background checks, in the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections from fee increases to cover the cost of criminal history background checks are insufficient to offset the costs included in the agency's appropriations that is budgeted for criminal history background checks, the Comptroller is hereby directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to agencies conducting criminal history background checks to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
- b. Each Article VIII licensing agency conducting criminal history background checks is hereby appropriated the additional revenue generated from occupational license, permit, and/or registration fees in excess of the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate for 2026-27 for the sole purpose of conducting criminal history background checks. Each agency, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase fees, shall furnish copies of board meeting minutes, an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the Comptroller. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purpose.
- c. The following is an informational listing of agency appropriations included for each Article VIII licensing agency conducting criminal history background checks.

	2026	2027
Department of Licensing and Regulation	\$125,000	\$125,000
Board of Plumbing Examiners	7,650	8,000
Racing Commission	2,500	2,500
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	1,200	1,200
Total	\$136,350	\$136,350

- d. Appropriations made elsewhere to Article VIII licensing agencies, including amounts listed above and any new amounts that may be appropriated during the 2026-27 biennium for the purpose of conducting criminal history background checks, may be used only for the purpose of paying for the cost of the fee charged by the entities listed in subsection (a) and may not be used for any other purpose.

**Sec. 7. Funding for the Prescription Monitoring Program.**

- (a) Each Article VIII licensing agency participating in the Prescription Monitoring Program is authorized in accordance with Sec. 554.006 of the Occupations Code to assess a fee on licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the Prescription Monitoring Program administered by the Board of Pharmacy.
- (b) The following is an informational listing of fee revenue for each Article VIII licensing agency participating in the Prescription Monitoring Program for the purpose of paying for the Prescription Monitoring Program.

	2026	2027
Texas Medical Board	\$ 715,848	\$ 723,452
Optometry Board	21,776	21,802
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	119,792	117,570
Texas State Board of Nursing	225,267	227,230
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	127,651	125,284

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Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation	8,397	8,242
Board of Pharmacy	301,107	296,259
Total	\$1,519,838	\$1,519,838

- (c) The fee revenue collected by each participating agency shall be transferred to the Board of Pharmacy, responsible for administering the appropriate provisions of Chapter 481 of the Health and Safety Code. In the event that the actual and/or projected revenue collections from monitoring fees to cover the cost of the program are insufficient to offset the costs identified above, the Comptroller is hereby directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to the Board of Pharmacy to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.

**Sec. 8. Eighty-eighth Legislature Salary Increases for Article VIII Agencies.**

- (a) Amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act include the following amounts from the following sources which are to be used to maintain agencies' salary increases effective September 1, 2023, as described by this section:
- (1) Behavioral Health Executive Council, \$794,796 from the general revenue fund;
  - (2) Board of Chiropractic Examiners, \$134,220 from the general revenue fund;
  - (3) Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, \$673,000 from the general revenue fund;
  - (4) Funeral Services Commission, \$147,976 from the general revenue fund;
  - (5) Board of Professional Geoscientists, \$57,862 from the general revenue fund;
  - (6) Office of Public Insurance Counsel, \$174,494 from the general revenue fund;
  - (7) Department of Licensing and Regulation, \$7,176,044 from the general revenue fund;
  - (8) Texas Medical Board, \$2,699,316 from the general revenue fund;
  - (9) Texas Board of Nursing, \$1,801,616 from the general revenue fund;
  - (10) Optometry Board, \$64,084 from the general revenue fund;
  - (11) Board of Pharmacy, \$1,419,559 from the general revenue fund;
  - (12) Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners, \$239,392 from the general revenue fund;
  - (13) Board of Plumbing Examiners, \$515,516 from the general revenue fund;
  - (14) Racing Commission, \$492,186 from General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Racing Commission Account No. 597;
  - (15) Securities Board, \$1,315,932 from the general revenue fund; and
  - (16) Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, \$301,212 from the general revenue fund.
- (b) A state agency that receives appropriations of money described under Subsection (a) may not increase fees or taxes to offset the appropriation. For the state agencies identified under Subsection (a) that are subject to a provision limiting the amount appropriated to the agency to revenues collected by the agency, the amount necessary to provide employees the specified agencies salary increase is included in the amount identified under Subsection (a).

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VIII  
REGULATORY  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
State Office of Administrative Hearings	\$ 8,193,909	\$ 8,199,321
Behavioral Health Executive Council	4,630,064	4,631,997
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	1,096,812	1,096,812
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	5,047,330	5,054,570
Funeral Service Commission	2,522,374	2,522,985
Board of Professional Geoscientists	694,039	743,097
Health Professions Council	266,307	437,172
Department of Insurance	10,276,156	10,276,156
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	1,770,667	1,670,668
Department of Licensing and Regulation	50,222,712	50,118,115
Texas Medical Board	19,257,523	19,774,103
Texas Board of Nursing	11,675,981	11,676,725
Optometry Board	541,474	538,937
Board of Pharmacy	14,630,542	14,630,635
Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	1,761,816	1,765,145
Board of Plumbing Examiners	4,674,961	4,647,410
Racing Commission	1,988,194	2,020,837
Securities Board	9,330,426	9,330,426
Public Utility Commission of Texas	30,090,121	29,507,372
Office of Public Utility Counsel	3,044,070	3,044,070
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	<u>2,940,541</u>	<u>2,941,821</u>
Subtotal, Regulatory	\$ 184,656,019	\$ 184,628,374
Retirement and Group Insurance	32,910,000	35,170,821
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>9,945,774</u>	<u>10,029,449</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 42,855,774	\$ 45,200,270
Lease Payments	<u>29,942,559</u>	<u>32,196,542</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 29,942,559	\$ 32,196,542
TOTAL, ARTICLE VIII - REGULATORY	<u>\$ 257,454,352</u>	<u>\$ 262,025,186</u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VIII  
REGULATORY  
(General Revenue-Dedicated)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Office of Injured Employee Counsel	\$ 10,601,692	\$ 10,601,693
Department of Insurance	126,035,699	126,032,142
Department of Licensing and Regulation	1,014,915	1,014,915
Texas Medical Board	4,652,395	4,676,279
Board of Pharmacy	225,000	150,000
Racing Commission	4,205,578	4,205,579
Public Utility Commission of Texas	5,077,787	4,892,049
Office of Public Utility Counsel	<u>1,019,194</u>	<u>1,019,194</u>
Subtotal, Regulatory	\$ 152,832,260	\$ 152,591,851
Retirement and Group Insurance	33,969,788	36,829,095
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>7,332,130</u>	<u>7,391,268</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 41,301,918</u>	<u>\$ 44,220,363</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VIII - REGULATORY	<u><u>\$ 194,134,178</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 196,812,214</u></u>



RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VIII  
REGULATORY  
(Federal Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Department of Insurance	\$ 2,356,328	\$ 2,356,328
Subtotal, Regulatory	\$ 2,356,328	\$ 2,356,328
Retirement and Group Insurance	462,981	504,899
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	157,353	158,696
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 620,334	\$ 663,595
TOTAL, ARTICLE VIII - REGULATORY	\$ 2,976,662	\$ 3,019,923

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VIII  
REGULATORY  
(Other Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
State Office of Administrative Hearings	\$ 4,557,615	\$ 4,557,615
Behavioral Health Executive Council	1,176,000	1,176,000
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	99,500	99,500
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	258,500	258,500
Funeral Service Commission	87,100	87,100
Health Professions Council	1,920,430	1,924,072
Department of Insurance	6,310,537	6,310,537
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	191,670	191,670
Department of Licensing and Regulation	7,857,746	7,857,746
Texas Medical Board	404,835	404,835
Texas Board of Nursing	4,292,464	4,292,464
Optometry Board	8,000	8,000
Board of Pharmacy	214,015	214,015
Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	125,000	125,000
Board of Plumbing Examiners	25,000	25,000
Racing Commission	3,261,410	3,231,410
Public Utility Commission of Texas	2,000,475,000	475,000
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	<u>5,527</u>	<u>5,527</u>
Subtotal, Regulatory	\$ 2,031,270,349	\$ 31,243,991
Retirement and Group Insurance	<u>853,315</u>	<u>931,400</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 853,315	\$ 931,400
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 7,167,616</u>	<u>\$ 7,171,258</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VIII - REGULATORY	<u>\$ 2,024,956,048</u>	<u>\$ 25,004,133</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE VIII  
REGULATORY  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
State Office of Administrative Hearings	\$ 12,751,524	\$ 12,756,936
Behavioral Health Executive Council	5,806,064	5,807,997
Board of Chiropractic Examiners	1,196,312	1,196,312
Texas State Board of Dental Examiners	5,305,830	5,313,070
Funeral Service Commission	2,609,474	2,610,085
Board of Professional Geoscientists	694,039	743,097
Health Professions Council	2,186,737	2,361,244
Office of Injured Employee Counsel	10,601,692	10,601,693
Department of Insurance	144,978,720	144,975,163
Office of Public Insurance Counsel	1,962,337	1,862,338
Department of Licensing and Regulation	59,095,373	58,990,776
Texas Medical Board	24,314,753	24,855,217
Texas Board of Nursing	15,968,445	15,969,189
Optometry Board	549,474	546,937
Board of Pharmacy	15,069,557	14,994,650
Executive Council of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Examiners	1,886,816	1,890,145
Board of Plumbing Examiners	4,699,961	4,672,410
Racing Commission	9,455,182	9,457,826
Securities Board	9,330,426	9,330,426
Public Utility Commission of Texas	2,035,642,908	34,874,421
Office of Public Utility Counsel	4,063,264	4,063,264
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	<u>2,946,068</u>	<u>2,947,348</u>
Subtotal, Regulatory	\$ 2,371,114,956	\$ 370,820,544
Retirement and Group Insurance	68,196,084	73,436,215
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>17,435,257</u>	<u>17,579,413</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 85,631,341	\$ 91,015,628
Lease Payments	<u>29,942,559</u>	<u>32,196,542</u>
Subtotal, Debt Service	\$ 29,942,559	\$ 32,196,542
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 7,167,616</u>	<u>\$ 7,171,258</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE VIII - REGULATORY	<u>\$ 2,479,521,240</u>	<u>\$ 486,861,456</u>
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE)	3,455.8	3,456.8



Part 1.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT

**Sec. 1.01. Limitations.** The provisions of this article and all other articles of this Act are limitations on the appropriations made by this Act. It is the purpose of the Legislature in enacting this bill only to appropriate monies and to restrict and limit by its provisions the amount and conditions under which the appropriations can be expended.

Part 2.

PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE  
POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN

**Sec. 2.01. Position Classification Plan.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act, expenditures of appropriations for the salaries of employees, in classified positions in all affected agencies appropriated monies by this Act, other than institutions of higher education, university system offices, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, are governed by Government Code, Chapter 654, Government Code, Chapter 659, and this section, including the following lists of position classification numbers, position titles, salary group allocations, and rates of pay in classification salary schedules as provided by this article.

CLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR THE 2026-27 BIENNIUM

Class Number	Class Title	Salary Group
0006	Receptionist I	A09
0008	Receptionist II	A11
0055	Clerk I	A07
0057	Clerk II	A09
0059	Clerk III	A11
0061	Clerk IV	A13
0132	Customer Service Representative I	A11
0134	Customer Service Representative II	A13
0136	Customer Service Representative III	A15
0138	Customer Service Representative IV	A17
0140	Customer Service Representative V	A19
0150	Administrative Assistant I	A09
0152	Administrative Assistant II	A11
0154	Administrative Assistant III	A13
0156	Administrative Assistant IV	A15
0158	Administrative Assistant V	A17
0159	Administrative Assistant VI	A19
0160	Executive Assistant I	B17
0162	Executive Assistant II	B19
0164	Executive Assistant III	B21
0166	Executive Assistant IV	B23
0171	License and Permit Specialist I	B14
0172	License and Permit Specialist II	B16
0173	License and Permit Specialist III	B18
0174	License and Permit Specialist IV	B20
0175	License and Permit Specialist V	B22
0180	Document Services Technician I	A10
0181	Document Services Technician II	A12
0182	Document Services Technician III	A14
0183	Document Services Technician IV	A16
0184	Document Services Technician V	A18
0190	Agenda Coordinator	B20
0211	Database Administrator I	B21
0212	Database Administrator II	B23
0213	Database Administrator III	B25
0214	Database Administrator IV	B27
0215	Database Administrator V	B29
0217	Data Officer	B29
0218	Chief Data Officer	B30
0221	Information Technology Business Analyst I	B21

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0222	Information Technology Business Analyst II	B23
0223	Information Technology Business Analyst III	B25
0224	Information Technology Business Analyst IV	B27
0225	Information Technology Business Analyst V	B29
0228	Information Technology Support Specialist I	B14
0229	Information Technology Support Specialist II	B16
0230	Information Technology Support Specialist III	B18
0231	Information Technology Support Specialist IV	B20
0232	Information Technology Support Specialist V	B22
0238	Information Security Officer	B31
0239	Chief Information Security Officer	B32
0241	Programmer I	B20
0242	Programmer II	B22
0243	Programmer III	B24
0244	Programmer IV	B26
0245	Programmer V	B28
0246	Programmer VI	B29
0247	Information Technology Auditor I	B22
0248	Information Technology Auditor II	B24
0249	Information Technology Auditor III	B26
0250	Information Technology Auditor IV	B28
0252	Systems Analyst I	B17
0253	Systems Analyst II	B19
0254	Systems Analyst III	B21
0255	Systems Analyst IV	B23
0256	Systems Analyst V	B25
0257	Systems Analyst VI	B27
0258	Systems Analyst VII	B29
0270	Geographic Information Specialist I	B18
0271	Geographic Information Specialist II	B20
0272	Geographic Information Specialist III	B22
0273	Geographic Information Specialist IV	B24
0274	Geographic Information Specialist V	B26
0282	Telecommunications Specialist I	B18
0283	Telecommunications Specialist II	B20
0284	Telecommunications Specialist III	B22
0285	Telecommunications Specialist IV	B24
0286	Telecommunications Specialist V	B26
0287	Network Specialist I	B17
0288	Network Specialist II	B19
0289	Network Specialist III	B21
0290	Network Specialist IV	B23
0291	Network Specialist V	B25
0292	Network Specialist VI	B27
0294	Business Continuity Coordinator I	B26
0295	Business Continuity Coordinator II	B27
0300	Web Administrator I	B19
0301	Web Administrator II	B21
0302	Web Administrator III	B23
0303	Web Administrator IV	B25
0304	Web Administrator V	B27
0310	Systems Administrator I	B17
0311	Systems Administrator II	B19
0312	Systems Administrator III	B21
0313	Systems Administrator IV	B23
0314	Systems Administrator V	B25
0315	Systems Administrator VI	B27
0317	Data Architect I	B28
0318	Data Architect II	B30
0319	Cybersecurity Analyst I	B23
0320	Cybersecurity Analyst II	B25
0321	Cybersecurity Analyst III	B27

**CLASSIFIED POSITIONS FOR THE 2026-27 BIENNIUM**  
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0322	Cybersecurity Analyst IV	B29
0323	Cybersecurity Analyst V	B31
0326	Cybersecurity Officer	B31
0328	Chief Cybersecurity Officer	B32
0340	Accessibility Specialist I	B21
0341	Accessibility Specialist II	B23
0342	Accessibility Specialist III	B25
0350	User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI) Designer I	B24
0352	User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI) Designer II	B26
0354	User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI) Designer III	B28
0356	User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI) Designer IV	B30
0516	Planner I	B18
0517	Planner II	B20
0518	Planner III	B22
0519	Planner IV	B24
0520	Planner V	B26
0590	Research and Statistics Technician I	A12
0592	Research and Statistics Technician II	A14
0600	Research Specialist I	B16
0602	Research Specialist II	B18
0604	Research Specialist III	B20
0606	Research Specialist IV	B22
0608	Research Specialist V	B24
0610	Research Specialist VI	B26
0624	Statistician I	B18
0626	Statistician II	B20
0628	Statistician III	B21
0630	Statistician IV	B23
0640	Economist I	B19
0642	Economist II	B21
0644	Economist III	B23
0646	Economist IV	B25
0650	Data Analyst I	B18
0651	Data Analyst II	B20
0652	Data Analyst III	B22
0653	Data Analyst IV	B24
0654	Data Analyst V	B26
0655	Data Analyst VI	B28
0660	Data Scientist I	B28
0662	Data Scientist II	B30
0812	Teacher Aide I	A11
0813	Teacher Aide II	A13
0814	Teacher Aide III	A15
0815	Teacher Aide IV	A17
0820	Education Specialist I	B17
0821	Education Specialist II	B19
0822	Education Specialist III	B21
0823	Education Specialist IV	B23
0824	Education Specialist V	B25
1000	Accounting Technician I	A11
1002	Accounting Technician II	A13
1004	Accounting Technician III	A15
1012	Accountant I	B15
1014	Accountant II	B16
1016	Accountant III	B18
1018	Accountant IV	B20
1020	Accountant V	B22
1022	Accountant VI	B24
1024	Accountant VII	B26
1030	Independent Audit Reviewer I	B25
1032	Independent Audit Reviewer II	B26
1034	Independent Audit Reviewer III	B27

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1036	Independent Audit Reviewer IV	B28
1044	Auditor I	B19
1046	Auditor II	B21
1048	Auditor III	B23
1050	Auditor IV	B25
1052	Auditor V	B27
1059	Taxpayer Compliance Officer I	B13
1060	Taxpayer Compliance Officer II	B15
1061	Taxpayer Compliance Officer III	B17
1062	Taxpayer Compliance Officer IV	B19
1063	Taxpayer Compliance Officer V	B21
1064	Taxpayer Compliance Officer VI	B23
1065	Tax Analyst I	B23
1066	Tax Analyst II	B24
1067	Tax Analyst III	B25
1068	Tax Analyst IV	B26
1069	Tax Analyst V	B27
1073	Accounts Examiner I	B13
1074	Accounts Examiner II	B15
1075	Accounts Examiner III	B17
1076	Accounts Examiner IV	B19
1077	Accounts Examiner V	B21
1078	Accounts Examiner VI	B23
1080	Financial Analyst I	B20
1082	Financial Analyst II	B22
1084	Financial Analyst III	B24
1085	Financial Analyst IV	B26
1086	Financial Analyst V	B28
1090	Taxpayer Enforcement Officer I	B15
1091	Taxpayer Enforcement Officer II	B17
1092	Taxpayer Enforcement Officer III	B19
1093	Taxpayer Enforcement Officer IV	B21
1094	Taxpayer Enforcement Officer V	B23
1100	Financial Examiner I	B17
1102	Financial Examiner II	B19
1104	Financial Examiner III	B21
1106	Financial Examiner IV	B23
1108	Financial Examiner V	B25
1110	Financial Examiner VI	B27
1112	Financial Examiner VII	B29
1130	Investment Analyst I	B24
1131	Investment Analyst II	B26
1132	Investment Analyst III	B28
1133	Investment Analyst IV	B30
1134	Investment Analyst V	B32
1135	Investment Analyst VI	B34
1140	Portfolio Manager I	B27
1141	Portfolio Manager II	B29
1142	Portfolio Manager III	B31
1143	Portfolio Manager IV	B33
1144	Portfolio Manager V	B35
1145	Portfolio Manager VI	B36
1155	Budget Analyst I	B18
1156	Budget Analyst II	B20
1157	Budget Analyst III	B22
1158	Budget Analyst IV	B24
1159	Budget Analyst V	B26
1161	Trader I	B25
1162	Trader II	B27
1163	Trader III	B29
1175	Chief Trader I	B31
1176	Chief Trader II	B33



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1200	Internal Auditor I	B19
1201	Internal Auditor II	B21
1202	Internal Auditor III	B23
1203	Internal Auditor IV	B25
1204	Internal Auditor V	B27
1242	Reimbursement Officer I	B12
1244	Reimbursement Officer II	B14
1246	Reimbursement Officer III	B16
1248	Reimbursement Officer IV	B18
1250	Reimbursement Officer V	B20
1255	Reimbursement Analyst I	B21
1256	Reimbursement Analyst II	B22
1257	Reimbursement Analyst III	B23
1258	Reimbursement Analyst IV	B24
1259	Reimbursement Analyst V	B25
1260	Loan Specialist I	B17
1261	Loan Specialist II	B19
1262	Loan Specialist III	B21
1263	Loan Specialist IV	B23
1264	Loan Specialist V	B25
1280	Tax Auditor I	B19
1281	Tax Auditor II	B21
1282	Tax Auditor III	B23
1283	Tax Auditor IV	B25
1284	Tax Auditor V	B26
1285	Tax Auditor VI	B27
1290	Payroll Assistant	A13
1291	Payroll Specialist I	B15
1292	Payroll Specialist II	B17
1293	Payroll Specialist III	B19
1294	Payroll Specialist IV	B21
1295	Payroll Specialist V	B23
1296	Payroll Specialist VI	B25
1315	Boiler Inspector I	B20
1316	Boiler Inspector II	B21
1317	Boiler Inspector III	B22
1321	Inspector I	B12
1322	Inspector II	B14
1323	Inspector III	B16
1324	Inspector IV	B18
1325	Inspector V	B20
1326	Inspector VI	B22
1327	Inspector VII	B24
1351	Investigator I	B14
1352	Investigator II	B16
1353	Investigator III	B18
1354	Investigator IV	B20
1355	Investigator V	B22
1356	Investigator VI	B24
1357	Investigator VII	B26
1400	Compliance Analyst I	B19
1401	Compliance Analyst II	B21
1402	Compliance Analyst III	B23
1403	Compliance Analyst IV	B25
1404	Compliance Analyst V	B27
1410	Quality Assurance Specialist I	B17
1411	Quality Assurance Specialist II	B18
1412	Quality Assurance Specialist III	B20
1413	Quality Assurance Specialist IV	B22
1550	Staff Services Officer I	B17
1551	Staff Services Officer II	B18
1552	Staff Services Officer III	B19

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1553	Staff Services Officer IV	B20
1554	Staff Services Officer V	B21
1555	Staff Services Officer VI	B23
1558	Project Manager I	B20
1559	Project Manager II	B22
1560	Project Manager III	B24
1561	Project Manager IV	B26
1562	Project Manager V	B28
1570	Program Specialist I	B17
1571	Program Specialist II	B18
1572	Program Specialist III	B19
1573	Program Specialist IV	B20
1574	Program Specialist V	B21
1575	Program Specialist VI	B23
1576	Program Specialist VII	B25
1581	Program Supervisor I	B18
1582	Program Supervisor II	B19
1583	Program Supervisor III	B20
1584	Program Supervisor IV	B21
1586	Program Supervisor V	B23
1588	Program Supervisor VI	B25
1589	Program Supervisor VII	B26
1600	Manager I	B22
1601	Manager II	B23
1602	Manager III	B24
1603	Manager IV	B25
1604	Manager V	B26
1605	Manager VI	B27
1606	Manager VII	B28
1607	Manager VIII	B29
1620	Director I	B26
1621	Director II	B27
1622	Director III	B28
1623	Director IV	B29
1624	Director V	B30
1625	Director VI	B31
1626	Director VII	B32
1627	Director VIII	B33
1630	Deputy Director I	B33
1631	Deputy Director II	B34
1632	Deputy Director III	B35
1633	Deputy Director IV	B36
1640	Deputy Comptroller	B36
1641	Associate Deputy Attorney General	B33
1642	Deputy Attorney General	B34
1643	Deputy First Assistant Attorney General	B35
1644	First Assistant Attorney General	B36
1650	Portfolio Project Manager I	B29
1652	Portfolio Project Manager II	B31
1660	Project Management Specialist I	B20
1661	Project Management Specialist II	B22
1662	Project Management Specialist III	B24
1670	Program Management Specialist I	B25
1671	Program Management Specialist II	B26
1672	Program Management Specialist III	B27
1673	Program Management Specialist IV	B28
1680	Agile Scrum Master I	B26
1681	Agile Scrum Master II	B28
1685	Management Analyst I	B19
1686	Management Analyst II	B21
1687	Management Analyst III	B23
1688	Management Analyst IV	B25

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1689	Management Analyst V	B27
1695	Policy Analyst I	B21
1696	Policy Analyst II	B23
1697	Policy Analyst III	B25
1727	Human Resources Assistant	B14
1729	Human Resources Specialist I	B16
1731	Human Resources Specialist II	B18
1733	Human Resources Specialist III	B20
1735	Human Resources Specialist IV	B22
1737	Human Resources Specialist V	B24
1739	Human Resources Specialist VI	B26
1780	Training and Development Assistant	B13
1781	Training and Development Specialist I	B15
1782	Training and Development Specialist II	B17
1783	Training and Development Specialist III	B19
1784	Training and Development Specialist IV	B21
1785	Training and Development Specialist V	B23
1786	Training and Development Specialist VI	B25
1790	E-Learning Developer I	B21
1791	E-Learning Developer II	B23
1792	E-Learning Developer III	B25
1800	Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations Technician I	B15
1802	Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations Technician II	B17
1804	Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations Technician III	B19
1806	Intelligent Transportation Systems Operations Technician IV	B21
1810	Creative Media Designer I	B17
1812	Creative Media Designer II	B19
1814	Creative Media Designer III	B21
1816	Creative Media Designer IV	B23
1818	Creative Media Designer V	B25
1822	Marketing Specialist I	B16
1823	Marketing Specialist II	B18
1824	Marketing Specialist III	B20
1825	Marketing Specialist IV	B22
1826	Marketing Specialist V	B24
1830	Information Specialist I	B16
1831	Information Specialist II	B18
1832	Information Specialist III	B20
1833	Information Specialist IV	B22
1834	Information Specialist V	B24
1840	Multimedia Technician I	A11
1841	Multimedia Technician II	A13
1842	Multimedia Technician III	A15
1843	Multimedia Technician IV	A17
1850	Multimedia Specialist I	B20
1851	Multimedia Specialist II	B22
1852	Multimedia Specialist III	B24
1860	Management Analyst I	B19
1862	Management Analyst II	B21
1864	Management Analyst III	B23
1866	Management Analyst IV	B25
1868	Management Analyst V	B27
1870	Technical Writer I	B19
1871	Technical Writer II	B21
1872	Technical Writer III	B23
1873	Technical Writer IV	B25
1875	Editor I	B18
1876	Editor II	B20
1877	Editor III	B22
1878	Editor IV	B24
1880	Governor's Advisor I	B23
1881	Governor's Advisor II	B25

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1882	Governor's Advisor III	B27
1883	Governor's Advisor IV	B29
1884	Governor's Advisor V	B31
1890	Government Relations Specialist I	B23
1892	Government Relations Specialist II	B25
1894	Government Relations Specialist III	B27
1897	Privacy Analyst I	B21
1898	Privacy Analyst II	B23
1899	Privacy Analyst III	B25
1911	Inventory and Store Specialist I	A11
1912	Inventory and Store Specialist II	A13
1913	Inventory and Store Specialist III	A15
1914	Inventory and Store Specialist IV	A17
1915	Inventory and Store Specialist V	A19
1919	Grant Specialist I	B17
1920	Grant Specialist II	B19
1921	Grant Specialist III	B21
1922	Grant Specialist IV	B23
1923	Grant Specialist V	B25
1930	Purchaser I	B13
1931	Purchaser II	B15
1932	Purchaser III	B17
1933	Purchaser IV	B19
1934	Purchaser V	B21
1935	Purchaser VI	B23
1936	Purchaser VII	B25
1960	Contract Administration Manager I	B26
1962	Contract Administration Manager II	B28
1974	Contract Technician	A13
1976	Contract Specialist I	B16
1980	Contract Specialist II	B18
1982	Contract Specialist III	B20
1984	Contract Specialist IV	B22
1986	Contract Specialist V	B24
1990	Property Manager I	B18
1992	Property Manager II	B20
1994	Property Manager III	B22
1995	Property Manager IV	B24
1996	Fleet Manager I	B18
1997	Fleet Manager II	B20
1998	Fleet Manager III	B22
1999	Fleet Manager IV	B24
2054	Land Surveyor I	B21
2056	Land Surveyor II	B23
2058	Land Surveyor III	B25
2062	Appraiser I	B17
2064	Appraiser II	B19
2065	Appraiser III	B21
2066	Appraiser IV	B23
2067	Appraiser V	B25
2070	Real Estate Specialist I	B24
2071	Real Estate Specialist II	B26
2082	Right of Way Agent I	B16
2084	Right of Way Agent II	B18
2086	Right of Way Agent III	B20
2088	Right of Way Agent IV	B22
2090	Right of Way Agent V	B24
2091	Right of Way Agent VI	B26
2093	Utility Specialist I	B21
2094	Utility Specialist II	B23
2100	Minerals Specialist I	B22
2101	Minerals Specialist II	B24

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2102	Minerals Specialist III	B26
2106	Survey Technician I	A18
2107	Survey Technician II	A20
2119	Engineering Aide	A11
2123	Engineering Technician I	A16
2124	Engineering Technician II	A18
2125	Engineering Technician III	A20
2127	Engineering Specialist I	B18
2128	Engineering Specialist II	B19
2129	Engineering Specialist III	B20
2130	Engineering Specialist IV	B21
2131	Engineering Specialist V	B22
2132	Engineering Specialist VI	B24
2152	Engineer I	B23
2153	Engineer II	B24
2154	Engineer III	B25
2155	Engineer IV	B26
2156	Engineer V	B27
2157	Engineer VI	B28
2161	District Engineer	B34
2181	Drafting Technician I	A19
2182	Drafting Technician II	A21
2255	Project Design Specialist I	B19
2256	Project Design Specialist II	B20
2257	Project Design Specialist III	B21
2260	Architect I	B22
2264	Architect II	B24
2266	Architect III	B26
2268	Architect IV	B28
2271	Intelligent Transportation Systems Specialist I	B21
2272	Intelligent Transportation Systems Specialist II	B23
2273	Intelligent Transportation Systems Specialist III	B25
2340	Geologic Specialist I	B18
2342	Geologic Specialist II	B20
2360	Geoscientist I	B21
2364	Geoscientist II	B23
2365	Geoscientist III	B25
2366	Geoscientist IV	B27
2456	Hydrologist I	B18
2460	Hydrologist II	B20
2464	Hydrologist III	B22
2465	Hydrologist IV	B24
2466	Hydrologist V	B26
2472	Chemist I	B17
2473	Chemist II	B19
2474	Chemist III	B21
2475	Chemist IV	B23
2476	Chemist V	B25
2583	Sanitarian I	B18
2584	Sanitarian II	B20
2585	Sanitarian III	B22
2586	Sanitarian IV	B24
2640	Park Ranger I	B15
2641	Park Ranger II	B17
2642	Park Ranger III	B19
2643	Park Ranger IV	B21
2644	Park Ranger V	B23
2651	Environmental Protection Specialist I	B16
2652	Environmental Protection Specialist II	B18
2653	Environmental Protection Specialist III	B20
2654	Environmental Protection Specialist IV	B22
2655	Environmental Protection Specialist V	B25

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2661	Toxicologist I	B23
2662	Toxicologist II	B25
2663	Toxicologist III	B27
2682	Natural Resources Specialist I	B16
2683	Natural Resources Specialist II	B18
2684	Natural Resources Specialist III	B20
2685	Natural Resources Specialist IV	B22
2686	Natural Resources Specialist V	B24
2688	Fish and Wildlife Technician I	A14
2689	Fish and Wildlife Technician II	A16
2690	Fish and Wildlife Technician III	A18
2692	Assistant Park/Historic Site Superintendent I	B19
2694	Assistant Park/Historic Site Superintendent II	B20
2696	Assistant Park/Historic Site Superintendent III	B21
2698	Assistant Park/Historic Site Superintendent IV	B22
2700	Park/Historic Site Superintendent I	B20
2701	Park/Historic Site Superintendent II	B21
2702	Park/Historic Site Superintendent III	B22
2703	Park/Historic Site Superintendent IV	B23
2704	Park/Historic Site Superintendent V	B24
2705	Park/Historic Site Superintendent VI	B25
2720	Lifeguard I	A08
2721	Lifeguard II	A10
2730	Safety Officer I	B17
2731	Safety Officer II	B19
2732	Safety Officer III	B21
2733	Safety Officer IV	B23
2734	Safety Officer V	B25
2740	Risk Management Specialist I	B16
2741	Risk Management Specialist II	B18
2742	Risk Management Specialist III	B20
2743	Risk Management Specialist IV	B22
2744	Risk Management Specialist V	B24
2761	Rescue Specialist I	B18
2762	Rescue Specialist II	B20
2763	Rescue Specialist III	B22
2770	Emergency Medical Services Specialist I	B20
2771	Emergency Medical Services Specialist II	B22
2780	School Safety and Security Specialist I	B27
2781	School Safety and Security Specialist II	B28
2782	School Safety and Security Specialist III	B29
2783	School Safety and Security Specialist IV	B30
2802	Actuary I	B21
2803	Actuary II	B23
2804	Actuary III	B25
2805	Actuary IV	B27
2806	Actuary V	B31
2808	Chief Actuary	B33
2842	Insurance Specialist I	B14
2843	Insurance Specialist II	B16
2844	Insurance Specialist III	B18
2845	Insurance Specialist IV	B20
2914	Retirement System Benefits Specialist I	B18
2915	Retirement System Benefits Specialist II	B20
2916	Retirement System Benefits Specialist III	B22
2917	Retirement System Benefits Specialist IV	B24
2918	Retirement System Benefits Specialist V	B26
2921	Claims Examiner I	B14
2922	Claims Examiner II	B16
2923	Claims Examiner III	B18
2924	Claims Examiner IV	B20
2925	Claims Examiner V	B22

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2940	Retirement System Operational Specialist I	B15
2941	Retirement System Operational Specialist II	B17
2942	Retirement System Operational Specialist III	B19
3021	Workforce Development Specialist I	B12
3023	Workforce Development Specialist II	B14
3025	Workforce Development Specialist III	B16
3026	Workforce Development Specialist IV	B18
3151	Unemployment Insurance Claims Examiner I	B11
3153	Unemployment Insurance Claims Examiner II	B13
3154	Unemployment Insurance Claims Examiner III	B15
3171	Unemployment Insurance Specialist I	B16
3173	Unemployment Insurance Specialist II	B18
3502	Attorney I	B22
3503	Attorney II	B24
3504	Attorney III	B26
3505	Attorney IV	B28
3506	Attorney V	B30
3510	Assistant Attorney General I	B22
3511	Assistant Attorney General II	B24
3512	Assistant Attorney General III	B26
3513	Assistant Attorney General IV	B28
3514	Assistant Attorney General V	B30
3515	Assistant Attorney General VI	B31
3516	Assistant Attorney General VII	B32
3521	General Counsel I	B26
3522	General Counsel II	B28
3523	General Counsel III	B30
3524	General Counsel IV	B32
3525	General Counsel V	B34
3530	Hearings Officer I	B20
3531	Hearings Officer II	B21
3532	Hearings Officer III	B22
3533	Hearings Officer IV	B23
3534	Hearings Officer V	B24
3559	Court Reporter I	B22
3560	Court Reporter II	B24
3561	Court Reporter III	B26
3565	Legal Secretary I	A13
3566	Legal Secretary II	A15
3567	Legal Secretary III	A17
3568	Legal Secretary IV	A19
3569	Legal Secretary V	A21
3572	Legal Assistant I	B16
3574	Legal Assistant II	B18
3576	Legal Assistant III	B20
3578	Legal Assistant IV	B22
3580	Legal Assistant V	B24
3582	Legal Assistant VI	B26
3590	Mitigation Specialist I	B20
3592	Mitigation Specialist II	B22
3594	Mitigation Specialist III	B24
3596	Mitigation Specialist IV	B26
3604	Law Clerk	B16
3610	Court Law Clerk I	B19
3611	Court Law Clerk II	B21
3620	Deputy Clerk I	A13
3622	Deputy Clerk II	A15
3624	Deputy Clerk III	A17
3626	Deputy Clerk IV	A19
3630	Chief Deputy Clerk	B23
3635	Clerk of the Court	B29
3637	Court Coordinator I	B17

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3638	Court Coordinator II	B19
3639	Court Coordinator III	B21
3640	Administrative Law Judge I	B25
3642	Administrative Law Judge II	B26
3644	Administrative Law Judge III	B27
3645	Administrative Law Judge IV	B28
3646	Master Administrative Law Judge I	B29
3648	Master Administrative Law Judge II	B31
3660	Ombudsman I	B17
3662	Ombudsman II	B19
3663	Ombudsman III	B21
3665	Ombudsman IV	B23
3666	Ombudsman V	B25
3667	Ombudsman VI	B27
3668	Ombudsman VII	B29
3670	Benefit Review Officer I	B19
3672	Benefit Review Officer II	B21
3674	Benefit Review Officer III	B23
3690	Medical Fee Dispute Officer I	B19
3692	Medical Fee Dispute Officer II	B21
3694	Medical Fee Dispute Officer III	B23
4001	Dietetic Technician I	A10
4002	Dietetic Technician II	A12
4007	Certified Peer Support Specialist I	A10
4008	Certified Peer Support Specialist II	A12
4016	Dietetic and Nutrition Specialist I	B18
4017	Dietetic and Nutrition Specialist II	B20
4018	Dietetic and Nutrition Specialist III	B22
4050	Health Informatics Specialist I	B20
4051	Health Informatics Specialist II	B22
4052	Health Informatics Specialist III	B24
4053	Health Informatics Specialist IV	B26
4072	Public Health and Prevention Specialist I	B14
4074	Public Health and Prevention Specialist II	B16
4076	Public Health and Prevention Specialist III	B18
4078	Public Health and Prevention Specialist IV	B20
4080	Public Health and Prevention Specialist V	B22
4082	Epidemiologist I	B19
4083	Epidemiologist II	B21
4084	Epidemiologist III	B23
4085	Epidemiologist IV	B25
4125	Veterinarian I	B26
4127	Veterinarian II	B28
4129	Veterinarian III	B30
4131	Veterinarian IV	B32
4142	Laboratory Technician I	A11
4144	Laboratory Technician II	A13
4146	Laboratory Technician III	A15
4148	Laboratory Technician IV	A17
4160	Health Specialist	B14
4161	Health Specialist I	B17
4162	Health Specialist II	B18
4163	Health Specialist III	B19
4164	Health Specialist IV	B20
4165	Health Specialist V	B21
4166	Health Specialist VI	B23
4167	Health Specialist VII	B25
4212	Molecular Biologist I	B17
4214	Molecular Biologist II	B19
4216	Molecular Biologist III	B21
4218	Molecular Biologist IV	B23
4220	Molecular Biologist V	B25



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4221	Microbiologist I	B17
4222	Microbiologist II	B19
4223	Microbiologist III	B21
4224	Microbiologist IV	B23
4225	Microbiologist V	B25
4240	Nurse I	B20
4241	Nurse II	B22
4242	Nurse III	B24
4243	Nurse IV	B26
4244	Nurse V	B28
4245	Nurse VI	B30
4250	Public Health Nurse I	B20
4251	Public Health Nurse II	B22
4252	Public Health Nurse III	B24
4253	Public Health Nurse IV	B26
4254	Public Health Nurse V	B28
4260	Licensed Vocational Nurse I	A16
4261	Licensed Vocational Nurse II	A18
4262	Licensed Vocational Nurse III	A19
4263	Licensed Vocational Nurse IV	A20
4270	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse I	B28
4271	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse II	B29
4272	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse III	B30
4292	Radiological Technologist I	B16
4293	Radiological Technologist II	B18
4294	Radiological Technologist III	B20
4342	Orthopedic Equipment Technician I	A12
4344	Orthopedic Equipment Technician II	A14
4346	Orthopedic Equipment Technician III	A16
4350	Psychiatric Nursing Assistant I	A10
4351	Psychiatric Nursing Assistant II	A12
4352	Psychiatric Nursing Assistant III	A14
4353	Psychiatric Nursing Assistant IV	A16
4354	Psychiatric Nursing Assistant V	A18
4360	Registered Therapist Assistant I	A19
4361	Registered Therapist Assistant II	A21
4362	Registered Therapist I	B20
4363	Registered Therapist II	B21
4364	Registered Therapist III	B23
4365	Registered Therapist IV	B25
4366	Registered Therapist V	B27
4370	Occupational Therapist	B27
4374	Physical Therapist	B27
4378	Speech-Language Pathologist	B27
4380	Audiologist	B25
4383	Medical Technician I	A08
4384	Medical Technician II	A10
4385	Medical Technician III	A12
4386	Medical Technician IV	A14
4387	Medical Technician V	A16
4390	Health Physicist I	B23
4392	Health Physicist II	B25
4394	Health Physicist III	B27
4401	Medical Technologist I	B16
4402	Medical Technologist II	B18
4403	Medical Technologist III	B20
4404	Medical Technologist IV	B22
4405	Medical Technologist V	B24
4428	Respiratory Care Practitioner I	B21
4429	Respiratory Care Practitioner II	B22
4435	Resident Physician	B20
4436	Physician I	B33

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4437	Physician II	B34
4438	Physician III	B35
4439	Physician IV	B36
4440	Physician Assistant	B29
4453	Medical Research Specialist	B24
4455	Dentist I	B29
4457	Dentist II	B31
4459	Dentist III	B33
4462	Psychologist I	B23
4464	Psychologist II	B25
4465	Psychologist III	B27
4466	Psychologist IV	B29
4469	Psychological Associate I	B19
4470	Psychological Associate II	B20
4471	Psychological Associate III	B21
4472	Psychological Associate IV	B22
4473	Behavior Analyst I	B23
4474	Behavior Analyst II	B25
4476	Psychiatrist I	B32
4477	Psychiatrist II	B33
4478	Psychiatrist III	B34
4479	Psychiatrist IV	B35
4481	Psychiatrist V	B36
4482	Dental Assistant I	A12
4483	Dental Assistant II	A14
4489	Dental Hygienist I	B21
4490	Dental Hygienist II	B23
4491	Dental Hygienist III	B25
4492	Pharmacist I	B27
4493	Pharmacist II	B29
4494	Pharmacist III	B31
4498	Pharmacy Technician I	A12
4499	Pharmacy Technician II	A14
4502	Correctional Officer I	A13
4503	Correctional Officer II	A15
4504	Correctional Officer III	A16
4505	Correctional Officer IV	A18
4510	Sergeant of Correctional Officers	B19
4511	Lieutenant of Correctional Officers	B20
4512	Captain of Correctional Officers	B21
4513	Major of Correctional Officers	B22
4521	Juvenile Correctional Officer I	A13
4522	Juvenile Correctional Officer II	A15
4523	Juvenile Correctional Officer III	A16
4524	Juvenile Correctional Officer IV	A18
4525	Juvenile Correctional Officer Supervisor	B20
4526	Dorm Supervisor I	B21
4527	Dorm Supervisor II	B22
4530	Halfway House Assistant Superintendent	B22
4531	Halfway House Superintendent	B24
4532	Youth Facility Assistant Superintendent	B25
4533	Youth Facility Superintendent	B27
4540	Parole Officer I	B17
4541	Parole Officer II	B18
4542	Parole Officer III	B19
4543	Parole Officer IV	B21
4544	Parole Officer V	B23
4550	Assistant Warden	B25
4551	Warden I	B27
4552	Warden II	B28
4560	Counsel Substitute I	A13
4561	Counsel Substitute II	A15

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4562	Counsel Substitute III	A17
4647	Industrial Specialist I	A14
4648	Industrial Specialist II	A15
4649	Industrial Specialist III	A16
4650	Industrial Specialist IV	A17
4651	Industrial Specialist V	A18
4672	Agriculture Specialist I	A14
4673	Agriculture Specialist II	A15
4674	Agriculture Specialist III	A16
4675	Agriculture Specialist IV	A17
4676	Agriculture Specialist V	A18
5002	Adult Protective Services Specialist I	B17
5003	Adult Protective Services Specialist II	B18
5004	Adult Protective Services Specialist III	B19
5005	Adult Protective Services Specialist IV	B20
5006	Adult Protective Services Specialist V	B21
5010	Family Services Specialist I	B21
5011	Family Services Specialist II	B22
5016	Family and Protective Services Supervisor I	B22
5017	Family and Protective Services Supervisor II	B24
5018	Family and Protective Services Supervisor III	B26
5023	Child Protective Services Specialist I	B17
5024	Child Protective Services Specialist II	B18
5025	Child Protective Services Specialist III	B19
5026	Child Protective Services Specialist IV	B20
5027	Child Protective Services Specialist V	B21
5030	Protective Services Intake Specialist I	B16
5031	Protective Services Intake Specialist II	B17
5032	Protective Services Intake Specialist III	B18
5033	Protective Services Intake Specialist IV	B19
5034	Protective Services Intake Specialist V	B20
5050	Rehabilitation Therapy Technician I	A08
5051	Rehabilitation Therapy Technician II	A10
5052	Rehabilitation Therapy Technician III	A12
5053	Rehabilitation Therapy Technician IV	A14
5054	Rehabilitation Therapy Technician V	A16
5062	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor I	B18
5063	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor II	B19
5064	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor III	B20
5065	Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor IV	B22
5079	Chaplaincy Services Assistant	A14
5081	Chaplain I	B17
5082	Chaplain II	B19
5083	Chaplain III	B21
5090	Rehabilitation Teacher I	B14
5091	Rehabilitation Teacher II	B16
5092	Rehabilitation Teacher III	B18
5093	Rehabilitation Teacher IV	B20
5104	Veterans Services Representative I	B16
5105	Veterans Services Representative II	B17
5106	Veterans Services Representative III	B18
5107	Veterans Services Representative IV	B19
5108	Veterans Services Representative V	B20
5109	Veterans Services Representative VI	B21
5111	Substance Abuse Counselor I	B16
5112	Substance Abuse Counselor II	B17
5113	Substance Abuse Counselor III	B18
5114	Substance Abuse Counselor IV	B19
5121	Direct Support Professional I	A10
5122	Direct Support Professional II	A12
5123	Direct Support Professional III	A14
5124	Direct Support Professional IV	A16

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5125	Direct Support Professional V	A18
5131	Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional I	B19
5132	Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional II	B20
5133	Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional III	B21
5134	Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional IV	B23
5140	Recreation Program Specialist I	B14
5142	Recreation Program Specialist II	B16
5144	Recreation Program Specialist III	B18
5203	Resident Specialist I	A11
5205	Resident Specialist II	A13
5207	Resident Specialist III	A15
5209	Resident Specialist IV	A17
5226	Case Manager I	B13
5227	Case Manager II	B15
5228	Case Manager III	B17
5229	Case Manager IV	B19
5230	Case Manager V	B21
5232	Volunteer Services Coordinator I	B13
5233	Volunteer Services Coordinator II	B15
5234	Volunteer Services Coordinator III	B17
5235	Volunteer Services Coordinator IV	B19
5400	Social Worker I	B17
5402	Social Worker II	B19
5404	Social Worker III	B21
5406	Social Worker IV	B23
5505	Human Services Technician I	A11
5506	Human Services Technician II	A13
5540	Child Support Officer I	B12
5541	Child Support Officer II	B14
5542	Child Support Officer III	B16
5543	Child Support Officer IV	B18
5544	Child Support Officer V	B20
5551	Child Support Technician I	A12
5552	Child Support Technician II	A14
5553	Child Support Technician III	A16
5560	Victim Compensation Officer I	B17
5561	Victim Compensation Officer II	B19
5562	Victim Compensation Officer III	B21
5570	Victim Support Specialist I	A12
5571	Victim Support Specialist II	A14
5572	Victim Support Specialist III	A16
5573	Victim Support Specialist IV	A18
5616	Interpreter/Translator I	B17
5617	Interpreter/Translator II	B19
5618	Interpreter/Translator III	B21
5619	Interpreter/Translator IV	B23
5620	Eligibility Advisor I	B13
5622	Eligibility Advisor II	B14
5624	Eligibility Advisor III	B15
5626	Eligibility Advisor IV	B16
5628	Eligibility Advisor V	B17
5630	Eligibility Supervisor I	B19
5632	Eligibility Supervisor II	B21
5700	Human Services Specialist I	B11
5701	Human Services Specialist II	B12
5702	Human Services Specialist III	B13
5703	Human Services Specialist IV	B14
5704	Human Services Specialist V	B15
5705	Human Services Specialist VI	B16
5706	Human Services Specialist VII	B17
5711	Transition Coordinator I	B17
5713	Transition Coordinator II	B21

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5720	Human Rights Officer I	B19
5721	Human Rights Officer II	B21
5722	Human Rights Officer III	B23
5723	Human Rights Officer IV	B25
5730	Guardianship Specialist I	B19
5731	Guardianship Specialist II	B20
5732	Guardianship Specialist III	B21
5735	Guardianship Supervisor I	B21
5736	Guardianship Supervisor II	B22
5737	Guardianship Supervisor III	B23
6052	Forensic Scientist I	B20
6053	Forensic Scientist II	B21
6054	Forensic Scientist III	B22
6055	Forensic Scientist IV	B23
6056	Forensic Scientist V	B24
6057	Forensic Scientist VI	B25
6095	Police Communications Operator I	B14
6096	Police Communications Operator II	B15
6097	Police Communications Operator III	B16
6098	Police Communications Operator IV	B17
6099	Police Communications Operator V	B19
6100	Police Communications Operator VI	B20
6101	Police Communications Operator VII	B22
6115	Biometrics Analyst I	B13
6116	Biometrics Analyst II	B15
6117	Biometrics Analyst III	B17
6118	Biometrics Analyst IV	B19
6121	Crime Laboratory Specialist I	B18
6122	Crime Laboratory Specialist II	B19
6123	Crime Laboratory Specialist III	B20
6124	Crime Laboratory Specialist IV	B21
6160	Crime Analyst I	B15
6162	Crime Analyst II	B17
6163	Crime Analyst III	B19
6170	Criminal Intelligence Analyst I	B21
6172	Criminal Intelligence Analyst II	B23
6174	Criminal Intelligence Analyst III	B25
6221	Public Safety Records Technician I	A10
6222	Public Safety Records Technician II	A11
6223	Public Safety Records Technician III	A12
6224	Public Safety Records Technician IV	A13
6230	Security Officer I	A11
6232	Security Officer II	A13
6234	Security Officer III	A15
6236	Security Officer IV	A17
6241	Emergency Management Program Coordinator I	B20
6242	Emergency Management Program Coordinator II	B22
6243	Emergency Management Program Coordinator III	B24
6244	Emergency Management Program Coordinator IV	B25
6400	Military Technician I	A10
6401	Military Technician II	A12
6402	Military Technician III	A14
6403	Military Technician IV	A16
6405	Military Technician V	A20
6501	Military Specialist I	B20
6502	Military Specialist II	B22
6503	Military Specialist III	B24
6504	Military Specialist IV	B27
6505	Military Specialist V	B30
7306	Archeologist I	B20
7308	Archeologist II	B22
7310	Archeologist III	B24

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7311	Archeologist IV	B25
7315	Historian I	B17
7317	Historian II	B19
7319	Historian III	B21
7352	Library Assistant I	A11
7354	Library Assistant II	A13
7401	Librarian I	B16
7402	Librarian II	B18
7403	Librarian III	B20
7404	Librarian IV	B22
7405	Archivist I	B16
7407	Archivist II	B18
7409	Archivist III	B20
7411	Archivist IV	B22
7464	Exhibit Technician	B17
7466	Curator I	B16
7468	Curator II	B18
7470	Curator III	B20
7472	Curator IV	B22
7480	Records Analyst I	B15
7481	Records Analyst II	B17
7482	Records Analyst III	B19
8003	Custodian I	A07
8005	Custodian II	A08
8007	Custodian III	A10
8009	Custodian IV	A12
8021	Custodial Manager I	A13
8023	Custodial Manager II	A15
8025	Custodial Manager III	A17
8032	Groundskeeper I	A08
8033	Groundskeeper II	A10
8034	Groundskeeper III	A12
8035	Groundskeeper IV	A14
8103	Food Service Worker I	A07
8104	Food Service Worker II	A09
8105	Food Service Worker III	A11
8108	Food Service Manager I	A13
8109	Food Service Manager II	A15
8110	Food Service Manager III	A17
8111	Food Service Manager IV	A19
8117	Cook I	A09
8118	Cook II	A11
8119	Cook III	A13
8252	Laundry/Sewing Room Worker I	A07
8253	Laundry/Sewing Room Worker II	A09
8254	Laundry/Sewing Room Worker III	A11
8261	Laundry Manager I	A15
8262	Laundry Manager II	A17
8263	Laundry Manager III	A19
8302	Barber/Cosmetologist	A09
9026	Equipment Operator I	A18
9027	Equipment Operator II	A19
9028	Equipment Operator III	A20
9034	Air Conditioning and Boiler Operator I	A13
9035	Air Conditioning and Boiler Operator II	A15
9036	Air Conditioning and Boiler Operator III	A17
9037	Air Conditioning and Boiler Operator IV	A19
9041	Maintenance Specialist I	A11
9042	Maintenance Specialist II	A13
9043	Maintenance Specialist III	A14
9044	Maintenance Specialist IV	A16
9045	Maintenance Specialist V	A18

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9046	Maintenance Specialist VI	A20
9053	Maintenance Supervisor I	A17
9054	Maintenance Supervisor II	A18
9055	Maintenance Supervisor III	A19
9056	Maintenance Supervisor IV	A21
9060	Electronics Technician I	A16
9062	Electronics Technician II	A18
9064	Electronics Technician III	A20
9066	Electronics Technician IV	A22
9305	Transportation Maintenance Specialist I	A16
9306	Transportation Maintenance Specialist II	A17
9307	Transportation Maintenance Specialist III	A18
9308	Transportation Maintenance Specialist IV	A19
9309	Transportation Maintenance Specialist V	A20
9310	Transportation Maintenance Specialist VI	A21
9311	Transportation Maintenance Specialist VII	A22
9323	Vehicle Driver I	A12
9324	Vehicle Driver II	A14
9325	Vehicle Driver III	A16
9326	Vehicle Driver IV	A18
9327	Vehicle Driver V	A20
9330	Commercial Driver I	B20
9332	Commercial Driver II	B21
9334	Commercial Driver III	B22
9336	Commercial Driver IV	B23
9416	Motor Vehicle Technician I	A12
9417	Motor Vehicle Technician II	A14
9418	Motor Vehicle Technician III	A16
9419	Motor Vehicle Technician IV	A18
9420	Motor Vehicle Technician V	A20
9512	Machinist I	A16
9514	Machinist II	A18
9628	Aircraft Pilot I	B26
9629	Aircraft Pilot II	B27
9630	Aircraft Pilot III	B28
9631	Aircraft Pilot IV	B29
9632	Aircraft Pilot V	B30
9638	Aircraft Mechanic I	B22
9640	Aircraft Mechanic II	B23
9642	Aircraft Mechanic III	B24
9644	Aircraft Mechanic IV	B25
9650	Aircraft Inspector I	B26
9652	Aircraft Inspector II	B27
9660	Flight Operations Coordinator I	B22
9662	Flight Operations Coordinator II	B24
9700	Radio Communications Technician I	A13
9704	Radio Communications Technician II	A15
9706	Radio Communications Technician III	A17
9733	Equipment Maintenance Technician I	A15
9734	Equipment Maintenance Technician II	A17
9735	Equipment Maintenance Technician III	A19
9790	Welder I	A19
9792	Welder II	A21
9802	Electrician I	A16
9804	Electrician II	A18
9806	Electrician III	A20
9808	Electrician IV	A22
9812	HVAC Mechanic I	A16
9814	HVAC Mechanic II	A18
9816	HVAC Mechanic III	A20
9818	HVAC Mechanic IV	A22
9820	Plumber I	A16

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9822	Plumber II	A18
9824	Plumber III	A20
9826	Plumber IV	A22
9832	Ferryboat Specialist I	B22
9834	Ferryboat Specialist II	B23
9836	Ferryboat Specialist III	B24
9838	Ferryboat Deckhand I	A13
9839	Ferryboat Deckhand II	A15
9840	Ferryboat Deckhand III	A17
9846	Ferryboat Captain Assistant I	A18
9848	Ferryboat Captain Assistant II	A20
9850	Ferryboat Captain I	B22
9852	Ferryboat Captain II	B23
9854	Ferryboat Captain III	B24
9872	Police Inspector, Juvenile Justice Department	C03
9874	Corporal, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
9875	Sergeant, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
9876	Lieutenant, Juvenile Justice Department	C05
9878	Commander, Juvenile Justice Department	C07
9879	Deputy Chief, Juvenile Justice Department	C08
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
9894	Sergeant, Texas Department of Insurance	C04
9895	Lieutenant, Texas Department of Insurance	C05
9896	Captain, Texas Department of Insurance	C06
9897	Deputy Chief Investigator, Texas Department of Insurance	C07
9901	Public Safety Inspector I	C05
9902	Public Safety Inspector II	C06
9905	Pilot Investigator I	C04
9906	Pilot Investigator II	C05
9907	Pilot Investigator III	C06
9908	Pilot Investigator IV	C07
9909	Sergeant, Commission on Law Enforcement	C04
9910	Lieutenant, Commission on Law Enforcement	C05
9911	Captain, Commission on Law Enforcement	C06
9912	Major, Commission on Law Enforcement	C08
9913	State Park Police Officer Trainee (Cadet)	C01
9914	Probationary State Park Police Officer	C02
9915	State Park Police Officer	C03
9916	Sergeant, State Park Police Officer	C04
9917	Lieutenant, State Park Police Officer	C05
9918	Captain, State Park Police Officer	C06
9919	Major, State Park Police Officer	C08
9920	Trooper Trainee	C01
9922	Probationary Trooper	C02
9928	Trooper	C03
9935	Corporal	C03
9940	Sergeant, Public Safety	C04
9941	Lieutenant, Public Safety	C05
9942	Captain, Public Safety	C06
9943	Assistant Commander, Public Safety	C07
9944	Commander, Public Safety	C08
9945	Major, Public Safety	C08
9949	Agent Trainee	C01
9950	Probationary Agent	C02
9956	Agent	C03
9960	Sergeant, Alcoholic Beverage	C04
9961	Lieutenant, Alcoholic Beverage	C05



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9962	Captain, Alcoholic Beverage	C06
9963	Major, Alcoholic Beverage	C08
9965	Investigator I, Trainee - Office of the Inspector General	C01
9970	Investigator II - Office of the Inspector General	C02
9971	Investigator III - Office of the Inspector General	C03
9972	Investigator IV - Office of the Inspector General	C04
9973	Regional Supervisor - Office of the Inspector General	C05
9974	Regional Manager - Office of the Inspector General	C06
9975	Multi-Regional Administrator - Office of the Inspector General	C07
9976	Chief Inspector - Office of the Inspector General	C08
9980	Game Warden Trainee	C01
9981	Probationary Game Warden	C02
9987	Game Warden	C03
9990	Sergeant, Game Warden	C04
9991	Lieutenant, Game Warden	C05
9992	Captain, Game Warden	C06
9993	Assistant Commander, Game Warden	C07
9994	Commander, Game Warden	C08
9995	Major, Game Warden	C08
9996	Sergeant, Texas Attorney General's Office	C04
9997	Lieutenant, Texas Attorney General's Office	C05
9998	Captain, Texas Attorney General's Office	C06
9999	Major, Texas Attorney General's Office	C08

**SCHEDULE A CLASSIFICATION SALARY SCHEDULE**

**For the Fiscal Years Beginning September 1, 2025 and 2026**

Group	Minimum	Maximum
A5	\$25,777	\$34,840
A6	\$26,706	\$36,221
A7	\$27,681	\$37,677
A8	\$28,705	\$39,229
A9	\$29,781	\$40,859
A10	\$30,910	\$42,571
A11	\$32,332	\$47,355
A12	\$33,840	\$49,798
A13	\$35,439	\$52,388
A14	\$37,144	\$55,134
A15	\$38,976	\$58,045
A16	\$40,918	\$61,130
A17	\$42,976	\$64,469
A18	\$45,521	\$71,055
A19	\$48,244	\$76,028
A20	\$51,158	\$81,351
A21	\$54,278	\$87,046
A22	\$57,614	\$93,138

**SCHEDULE B CLASSIFICATION SALARY SCHEDULE**

**For the Fiscal Years Beginning September 1, 2025 and 2026**

Group	Minimum	Maximum
B10	\$30,910	\$42,571
B11	\$32,332	\$47,355
B12	\$33,840	\$49,798
B13	\$35,439	\$52,388

**SCHEDULE B CLASSIFICATION SALARY SCHEDULE**  
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B14	\$37,144	\$55,134
B15	\$38,976	\$58,045
B16	\$40,918	\$61,130
B17	\$42,976	\$64,469
B18	\$45,521	\$71,055
B19	\$48,244	\$76,028
B20	\$51,158	\$81,351
B21	\$54,278	\$87,046
B22	\$57,614	\$93,138
B23	\$61,184	\$99,658
B24	\$65,104	\$106,634
B25	\$69,572	\$114,099
B26	\$76,530	\$129,430
B27	\$84,182	\$142,374
B28	\$92,600	\$156,612
B29	\$101,860	\$172,272
B30	\$112,047	\$189,499
B31	\$123,252	\$208,449
B32	\$135,577	\$229,295
B33	\$149,134	\$252,224
B34	\$164,048	\$277,446
B35	\$180,453	\$305,191
B36	\$198,499	\$335,710

**SCHEDULE C CLASSIFICATION SALARY SCHEDULE**

For the Fiscal Years Beginning September 1, 2025 and 2026

Group	<4 Years of Service	≥4 Years of Service	≥8 Years of Service	≥12 Years of Service	≥16 Years of Service	≥20 Years of Service
C01	\$51,255	-	-	-	-	-
C02	\$55,441	-	-	-	-	-
C03	\$65,851	\$80,274	\$85,989	\$89,789	\$93,937	\$98,085
C04		\$89,981	\$96,080	\$100,017	\$104,434	\$107,038
C05		\$102,171	\$108,758	\$112,938	\$117,739	\$120,695
C06		\$127,283	\$131,610	\$134,268	\$136,938	\$138,581
C07		\$132,334	\$133,400	\$135,869	\$138,507	\$141,145
C08		\$149,738	\$149,836	\$149,896	\$149,896	\$149,896

**Part 3. SALARY ADMINISTRATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS**

**Sec. 3.01. Salary Rates.**

- (a) For each fiscal year of the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, annual salary rates for classified positions are as provided by the Classification Salary Schedules of Section 2.01.
- (b) In addition to the limits under this article, the State Classification Office shall review new exempt positions created during the interim and provide recommendations on the appropriate class title and salary group for these positions to the Legislature during the appropriations process.
- (c) There is no authority to grant salary increases as part of the conversion of employees to Salary Schedules A, B, and C, except in the cases of:
  - (1) across-the-board salary increases authorized in this Act; or
  - (2) employees whose positions are reallocated or reclassified in accordance with Government Code, Sections 654.0155, 654.0156, or 659.254.
- (d) An employee hired by the State on or after September 1, 2025, including interagency transfers, must be paid at a salary rate that falls within the salary range of the applicable salary group.

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Sec. 3.02. Salary Supplementation. Monies appropriated by this Act to a state agency in the executive branch of government or to an institution of higher education (consistent with Government Code, Sections 658.001(2) and 659.020) may not be expended for payment of salary to a person whose classified or exempt salary is being supplemented from other than appropriated monies until a report showing the amount and sources of salary being paid from other sources has been reported to the Secretary of State, State Auditor, and Comptroller.

Sec. 3.03. Salary Limits. The rate for determining the expenditure limitations for merit salary increases and promotions under Government Code, Section 659.261, is not limited by this Act as a percentage of the total amount spent by the agency in the preceding fiscal year for classified salaries.

Sec. 3.04. Scheduled Exempt Positions.

- (a) Except for the positions listed under Subsections (b)(3), (c)(6), or (f), a position listed following an agency's appropriation in the agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions" shall receive compensation at a rate not to exceed the amount indicated in that agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions."
- (b) (1) Notwithstanding the rate listed in an agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions," a position listed in Subsection (b)(3) may receive compensation at a rate set by the Governor in an amount not to exceed the "Maximum Salary" but not less than the "Minimum Salary" for the appropriate group as listed in Subsection (b)(2).
- (2) An exempt position listed in Subsections (b)(3), (c)(6), or (f) for which the term "Group," followed by an Arabic numeral, is indicated, may receive compensation at a rate within the range indicated below for the respective salary group indicated.

Scheduled Exempt Position Salary Rates

Group	Minimum Salary	Maximum Salary
1	\$70,000	\$112,750
2	82,915	133,658
3	95,378	153,717
4	109,695	176,839
5	126,175	203,337
6	145,127	233,849
7	166,860	268,900
8	191,889	308,807
9	220,626	355,608
10	242,800	390,908

(3) Agency	Position	Salary Group
(A) Secretary of State	Secretary of State	Group 5
(B) Office of State-Federal Relations	Executive Director	Group 4
(C) Health and Human Services Commission	Executive Commissioner	Group 9
(D) Texas Education Agency	Commissioner of Education	Group 9
(E) Texas Military Department	Adjutant General	Group 7
(F) Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Presiding Officer, Board of Pardons and Paroles	Group 5
(G) Texas Department of Criminal Justice	Parole Board Members (6)	Group 3
(H) Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Commissioners (3)	Group 7
(I) Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs	Executive Director	Group 6
(J) Texas Workforce Commission	Commissioners (2)	Group 5
(K) Texas Workforce Commission	Commission Chair	Group 6
(L) State Office of Administrative Hearings	Chief Administrative Law Judge	Group 5
(M) Texas Department of Insurance	Commissioner of Insurance	Group 7
(N) Office of Public Insurance Counsel	Public Counsel	Group 4
(O) Office of Public Utility Counsel	Public Counsel	Group 4
(P) Bond Review Board	Executive Director	Group 4

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(Q)	Texas Water Development Board	Commission Chair	Group 6
(R)	Texas Water Development Board	Commissioners (2)	Group 6
(S)	Texas Water Development Board	Executive Administrator	Group 7
(T)	Department of State Health Services	Commissioner	Group 8
(U)	Department of Family and Protective Services	Commissioner	Group 8

- (c) (1) Notwithstanding the rate listed in an agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions," an agency whose exempt position is listed in Subsection (c)(6) may request to set the rate of compensation provided for the agency's respective exempt position at an amount not to exceed the "Maximum Salary" but not less than the "Minimum Salary" for the appropriate group as listed in Subsection (b)(2).
- (2) The request submitted by the agency's governing board (for an agency with a governing board) or by the chief administrative officer of the state agency may include:
- (A) the date on which the board (for an agency with a governing board) approved the request;
- (B) a statement justifying the need to exceed the current salary limitation; and
- (C) the source of monies to be used to pay the additional salary amount.
- (3) The governing board (when applicable for an agency with a governing board) may make a request under Subsection (c)(1) a maximum of once per fiscal year and additionally upon a vacancy in an exempt position listed in Subsection (c)(6).
- (4) A proposed rate increase is approved if neither the Legislative Budget Board nor the Governor issues a written disapproval of the proposal not later than:
- (A) for the Legislative Budget Board, the thirtieth business day after the date the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposed rate increase and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Committee on Appropriations, Chair of the Senate Committee on Finance, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor; and
- (B) for the Governor, the thirtieth business day after the receipt of the proposed rate increase by the Governor.
- (5) Unless a proposed rate increase is disapproved, the Legislative Budget Board shall notify the affected agency, the Governor's Office, and the Comptroller of the new salary rate.

(6) Agency	Position	Salary Group
(A) Higher Education Coordinating Board	Commissioner	Group 9
(B) Department of Information Resources	Executive Director	Group 9
(C) Texas Lottery Commission	Executive Director	Group 7
(D) Texas Juvenile Justice Department	Executive Director	Group 8
(E) Preservation Board	Executive Director	Group 6
(F) School for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Superintendent	Group 5
(G) School for the Deaf	Superintendent	Group 5
(H) Animal Health Commission	Executive Director	Group 6
(I) Texas Public Finance Authority	Executive Director	Group 7
(J) Alcoholic Beverage Commission	Executive Director	Group 7
(K) Public Utility Commission of Texas	Commissioners (5)	Group 7
(L) Public Utility Commission of Texas	Executive Director	Group 7

- (d) In addition to all other requirements, any salary increase from appropriated monies within the limits provided by this section and salary increases within the limit established under an agency's bill pattern, must be:
- (1) in writing;
- (2) approved by the governing board (for an agency with a governing board) in a public meeting;
- (3) signed by the presiding officer of the governing board (for an agency with a governing board); and

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- (4) submitted to the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Comptroller.
- (e)
  - (1) Each title listed in a "Schedule of Exempt Positions" following an agency's appropriation authorizes one position for the agency unless the title is followed by an Arabic numeral indicating the number of positions authorized.
  - (2) The number of authorized positions for a title listed in a "Schedule of Exempt Positions" may be exceeded only:
    - (A) for the purpose of hiring a replacement in a key management position as certified by the chief administrator of the agency;
    - (B) if the current incumbent of the position has formally resigned or otherwise announced irrevocable plans to vacate the position;
    - (C) for a period of time not to exceed the equivalent of one month's salary per fiscal year per terminating incumbent (excluding time spent on the payroll for the purpose of exhausting accrued annual leave or state compensatory time); and
    - (D) if exceptions are reported as prescribed for payroll reporting procedures.
- (f) Notwithstanding the rate listed in an agency's "Schedule of Exempt Positions", a position listed below may receive compensation at a rate set by the governing board of the agency in an amount not to exceed the "Maximum Salary" but not less than the "Minimum Salary" for the appropriate group listed in Subsection (b)(2).

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**Sec. 3.05. Evening, Night, Weekend Shift Pay: Registered Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses.** A state agency may pay an additional evening shift or night shift differential not to exceed 15 percent of the monthly pay rate to registered nurses or licensed vocational nurses who work the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift, or its equivalent, or who work the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift, or its equivalent. An additional weekend shift salary differential not to exceed five percent of the monthly pay rate may be paid to registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses. The weekend shift salary differential may be paid to an eligible individual in addition to the evening shift or night shift salary differential.

**Sec. 3.06. Recruitment and Retention Bonuses.** A state agency may pay a bonus to an individual as provided by Government Code, Section 659.262.

**Sec. 3.07. Equity Adjustments.**

- (a) A state agency may adjust the salary rate of an employee whose position is classified under the position classification plan to any rate within the employee's salary group range as necessary to maintain desirable salary relationships:
  - (1) between and among employees of the agency; or
  - (2) between employees of the agency and employees who hold similar positions in the relevant labor market.
- (b) In determining desirable salary relationships under Subsection (a), a state agency shall consider the education, skills, related work experience, length of service, and job performance of agency employees and similar employees in the relevant labor market.
- (c) A state agency may award an equity adjustment to an employee under this section only if the adjustment does not conflict with other law.
- (d) A state agency shall adopt internal written rules relating to making equity adjustments under this section. The rules shall include procedures under which the agency will review and analyze the salary relationships between agency employees who receive salaries under the same job classification and perform the same type and level of work to determine if inequities exist.

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**Sec. 3.08. Classification Study on Scheduled Exempt Positions.** The State Auditor's Office shall conduct a study (which is similar to the biennial study performed by the State Auditor's Office on the state's classification plan under Government Code, Chapter 654) that reviews the compensation of exempt positions and executive compensation as provided in Articles I through VIII of this Act. The study should compare exempt positions from different agencies and consider the size of an agency's annual appropriations, the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) of the agency, market average compensation for similar executive positions, the exempt position salary as compared to classified positions within the agency, and other objective criteria the State Auditor's Office deems appropriate. The study shall be submitted to all members of the Legislature and the director of the Legislative Budget Board no later than October 1, 2026.

**Sec. 3.09. Method of Salary Payments.** All annual salaries appropriated by this Act are for full-time employment unless specifically designated as part-time. This section may not be construed to prevent the chief administrator of an agency from paying less than the maximum salary rate specified in this Act for a position, or the employment of a part-time employee to fill a regular position provided for in this Act, so long as the salary rate for such part-time employee is proportional to the regular rate for full-time employment.

**Sec. 3.10. Exception - Contracts Not Exceeding 12 Months.** The Texas Juvenile Justice Department, institutions of higher education, the Texas School for the Deaf, and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired may pay salaries in equal monthly payments for the term of a contract if the term does not exceed twelve months.

**Sec. 3.11. Exceptions for Certain Employees.** Employees within the Principals, Teachers, Supervisors, and Coaches title at the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Texas School for the Deaf, and Texas Juvenile Justice Department are not subject to the salary administration provisions in Part 3 of this article.

### **Sec. 3.12. Exceptions for Salary Schedule C.**

- (a) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas may pay its employees classified as Corporal I, II, III, IV, or V, Traffic Law Enforcement, at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C by up to \$3,000 per fiscal year.
- (b)
  - (1) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Criminal Justice, Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Department of Insurance, and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission of Texas shall pay its employees classified as commissioned peace officers in Salary Schedule C, salary stipends at rates that exceed the maximum rates designated in Salary Schedule C.
  - (2) Salary stipends shall be paid to commissioned peace officers who achieve certain levels of skill or certifications as approved by the departments. Such skills and certifications shall include:
    - (A) Education Level: \$50 per month for an associate degree; \$100 per month for a bachelor's degree; and \$150 per month for a master's degree;
    - (B) Commission on Law Enforcement Certification Level: \$50 per month for intermediate; \$100 per month for advanced; and \$150 per month for master's;
    - (C) Bilingual Capabilities: \$50 per month for the ability to speak a language other than English.
  - (3) Commissioned peace officers may receive a stipend for education level or certification level, but not both.
- (c) The agencies listed in this section shall work with the Comptroller to establish an efficient salary reporting and payment system.

**Sec. 3.13. Matching Retirement and Certain Insurance.** In each instance in which an operating fund or account is created and named by statute, the responsible officials of the state may transfer into the operating fund or account sufficient monies from treasury funds, local, institutional, or federal funds to pay proportionally the costs of matching state employees' retirement contributions and the state's share of Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

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**Sec. 3.14. Council of Government Salary Schedules.** For the purposes of Local Government Code, Section 391.0117(b), the state salary schedules for classified positions for a council of government serving less than 200 participating governmental units are the salary schedules set out above in Part 2 of this article. For a council of government serving more than 200 participating governmental units, the state salary schedules for classified positions are the salary schedules adopted by the council for classified positions that were effective on August 31, 2009, as adjusted annually for inflation (as measured by use of the Consumer Price Index):

- (1) for each year since their adoption, and
- (2) for each fiscal year for which this Act makes appropriations.

**Sec. 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:

9909	Sergeant, Commission on Law Enforcement	C04
9910	Lieutenant, Commission on Law Enforcement	C05
9911	Captain, Commission on Law Enforcement	C06
9912	Major, Commission on Law Enforcement	C08

**Sec. 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:

9872	Police Inspector, Juvenile Justice Department	C03
9874	Corporal, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
9875	Sergeant, Juvenile Justice Department	C04
9876	Lieutenant, Juvenile Justice Department	C05
9878	Commander, Juvenile Justice Department	C07
9879	Deputy Chief, Juvenile Justice Department	C08

## Part 4. GRANT-MAKING PROVISIONS

**Sec. 4.01. Grant Restriction.** Monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended for a grant to a law enforcement agency regulated by Occupations Code, Chapter 1701, unless:

- (1) the law enforcement agency requesting the grant follows all rules developed by the Commission on Law Enforcement; or
- (2) the Commission on Law Enforcement certifies that the requesting agency is in the process of achieving compliance with such rules.

**Sec. 4.02. Grants.**

- (a) Monies appropriated by this Act for grants of money to be made by state agencies, including the agencies in the legislative branch, are appropriated for the statutory purposes as the grantor agency may specify. A state agency shall distribute grants on a reimbursement or as needed basis unless otherwise provided by statute or otherwise determined by the grantor agency to be necessary for the purposes of the grant.
- (b) Monies appropriated by this Act for grants to be made by a state agency for a particular fiscal year may be distributed in subsequent fiscal years so long as the grant has been awarded and treated as a binding encumbrance by the grantor agency prior to the end of the appropriation year of the monies appropriated for grant purposes. Distribution of the grant monies is subject to Government Code, Section 403.071.

**Sec. 4.03. Grants for Political Polling Prohibited.** None of the monies appropriated by the Act may be granted to or expended by any entity which performs political polling. This prohibition regarding political polling does not apply to a poll conducted by an academic institution as a part of the institution's academic mission that is not conducted for the benefit of a particular candidate or party.

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### Sec. 4.04. Limitation on Grants to Units of Local Government.

- (a) The monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended in the form of a grant to, or a contract with, a unit of local government unless the terms of the grant or contract require that the monies received under the grant or contract will be expended subject to limitations and reporting requirements similar to those provided by:
  - (1) Parts 2, 3, and 5 of this article (except there is no requirement for increased salaries for local government employees);
  - (2) Government Code, Sections 556.004, 556.005, and 556.006; and
  - (3) Government Code, Sections 2113.012 and 2113.101.
- (b) In this section, "unit of local government" means:
  - (1) a council of governments, a regional planning commission, or a similar regional planning agency created under Local Government Code, Chapter 391;
  - (2) a local workforce development board; or
  - (3) a community center as defined by Health and Safety Code, Section 534.001(b).

## Part 5.

## TRAVEL REGULATIONS

**Sec. 5.01. Travel Definitions.** The definitions established by Government Code, Section 660.002, apply to Part 5 of this article unless another meaning is clearly provided.

**Sec. 5.02. General Travel Provisions.** The monies appropriated by this Act to a state agency for the payment of transportation, meals, lodging, or incidental expenses indicates the maximum amount that may be expended by the agency. The monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended for those expenses unless the travel and the resulting requests for payment or reimbursement comply with the conditions and limitations in this Act, Government Code, Chapter 660, and the Comptroller's Rules.

**Sec. 5.03. Transportation Expenses in Personally Owned or Leased Motor Vehicles.** For a state employee's use of a personally owned or leased motor vehicle, the mileage reimbursement rate for travel equals the maximum fixed mileage allowance specified in the revenue rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service under the federal income tax regulations as announced by the Comptroller.

**Sec. 5.04. Transportation in Personally Owned or Leased Aircraft.** The rate of reimbursement to be paid to a state employee, key official, member of a board or commission, or a member of the Legislature for travel in the person's personally owned or leased aircraft, either within or without the boundaries of this state, is the maximum fixed mileage allowance specified in the revenue rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service under the federal income tax regulations or alternatively as determined by the Comptroller the rates issued by the United States General Services Administration as announced by the Comptroller.

### Sec. 5.05. Travel Meals and Lodging Expenses.

- (a)
  - (1) A state employee who travels within the continental United States shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of lodging and meals. However, the reimbursements may not exceed the maximum meals and lodging rates based on the federal travel regulations issued by the United States General Services Administration.
  - (2) Notwithstanding the limit established by Subsection (a)(1), the chief administrator of a state agency or designee of the chief administrator of a state agency may determine that local conditions necessitate a change in the lodging rate for a particular location and establish a higher rate.
- (b) At the discretion of each chief administrator of a state agency, a state employee whose duties require the employee to travel outside the employee's designated headquarters without an overnight stay away from the employee's headquarters may be reimbursed for the actual cost of the employee's meals not to exceed \$36.



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- (c) A state employee may receive reimbursements for the employee's actual expenses for meals and lodging when traveling outside the continental United States.
- (d) A state agency or institution may reimburse a state employee for a meal expense the employee incurs while traveling outside the employee's designated headquarters for less than six consecutive hours if the reimbursement:
  - (1) receives the written approval by the chief administrator of the state agency or institution;
  - (2) meets the rules adopted by the Comptroller regarding reimbursement for traveling outside the employee's designated headquarters for less than six consecutive hours; and
  - (3) complies with Government Code, Section 660.206.

**Sec. 5.06. Special Provisions Regarding Travel Expenses.** Reimbursement for meals and lodging as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 660, Subchapter H, on an "actual expenses" or "actual amount of" basis may not exceed twice the maximum rates specified in Section 5.05.

### **Sec. 5.07. Travel and Per Diem of Board or Commission Members.**

- (a) As authorized by Government Code, Section 659.032, the per diem of state board and commission members consists of:
  - (1) compensatory per diem, if specifically authorized by law, at \$30 per day; and
  - (2) at the rates provided by this Act for state employees, expense per diem, which includes:
    - (A) reimbursement of actual expenses for meals, at the rates provided by this Act for state employees;
    - (B) lodging at the rates provided by this Act for state employees;
    - (C) transportation at the rates provided by this Act for state employees; and
    - (D) incidental expenses.
- (b) If a law authorizes per diem for members of a particular state board or commission, but does not specify the amount of the per diem, then the amount of the per diem is the amount provided by Subsection (a).
- (c) A full-time employee paid from monies appropriated by this Act may not be paid both a salary and compensatory per diem for concurrent service as a state employee and as a board or commission member.

### **Sec. 5.08. Travel of Advisory Committee Members.**

- (a) For the purpose of this section, the term "advisory committee" has the meaning assigned by Government Code, Section 2110.001.
- (b) In addition to the limits placed on reimbursement of advisory committee member expenses by this section and to the extent not otherwise limited by this Act or other law, a member of a state agency advisory committee may be reimbursed, at the rates specified in this Act for a state employee, for actual expenses for meals, lodging, transportation, and incidental expenses.
- (c) The monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended to reimburse a member of a state agency advisory committee for expenses associated with conducting committee business, including travel expenses, unless the expenditures for an advisory committee are within the limits provided by this section and other law and are specifically authorized by this Act.
- (d) The limitations provided by this section do not apply to an advisory committee established by the governing board of a retirement system trust fund.
- (e) The limitations provided by this section apply only to an advisory committee that is subject to Government Code, Chapter 2110.

## **Part 6. GENERAL LIMITATIONS ON EXPENDITURES**

### **Sec. 6.01. Unexpended Balance.**

- (a) In this Act "unexpended balance" or the abbreviation "UB" means the unobligated balance remaining in an appropriation, i.e., only that part of an appropriation, if any, that has not been set apart by the incurring of an obligation, commitment, or indebtedness by the state agency authorized to spend the appropriation. A reference in this Act to "unexpended balance" or "UB" is a reference to the unobligated balance of an amount appropriated by this Act for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, unless another meaning is clearly indicated.
- (b) For any estimated UB appropriated by this Act, should the actual amount of the UB be different than the estimate identified in this Act, the appropriation is adjusted to equal the actual UB, subject to any other restrictions to that appropriation made elsewhere in this Act.

**Sec. 6.02. Interpretation of Estimates.** In the event the amounts of federal funds, local funds, or monies other than appropriations from the General Revenue Fund have been estimated in this Act in sums greater than are actually received by the respective agencies of the state, this Act may not be construed as appropriating additional monies from the General Revenue Fund to make up such differences. Wherever the language of this Act appropriates federal funds, local funds, or monies other than appropriations from the General Revenue Fund but uses an estimated amount to inform the Legislature and the public, the estimated figure is not to be construed as a limitation on the amount appropriated.

### **Sec. 6.03. Excess Obligations Prohibited.**

- (a) An agency specified in this Act may not incur an obligation in excess of the amounts appropriated to it for the respective objects or purposes named.
- (b) As a specific exception to Subsection (a) the Comptroller of Public Accounts may determine that a proposed installment purchase arrangement is cost effective and certify this finding in response to an agency request.
- (c) A determination made by the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Subsection (b) may be made for obligations incurred for the purchase or lease of automated information system equipment only if the agency has on file with the Legislative Budget Board a Biennial Operating Plan, including any amendments to the Biennial Operating Plan, and the plan has been approved by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) If this section is violated, the State Auditor shall certify the fact of the violation and the amount of over-obligation to the Comptroller, and the Comptroller shall deduct an amount equivalent to the over-obligation from the salary or other compensation due the responsible disbursing or requisitioning officer or employee and apply the amount to the payment of the obligation.
- (e) This provision is specified pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 10.

**Sec. 6.04. Interpretation of Legislative Intent.** Monies appropriated by this Act shall be expended, as nearly as practicable, for the purposes for which appropriated. In the event an agency cannot determine legislative purpose from the pattern of appropriations, the agency shall seek to determine that purpose from the proceedings of the legislative committees responsible for proposing appropriations for this state.

**Sec. 6.05. Comptroller's Duty to Pay.** The Comptroller may not refuse to pass for payment a legal claim, factually justified, for which a valid appropriation has been made.

### **Sec. 6.06. Last Quarter Expenditures.**

- (a) A state agency or other governmental unit using monies appropriated by this Act may not expend during the last quarter of a fiscal year more than one-third of the monies appropriated for that fiscal year.
- (b) Specifically exempted from Subsection (a) are:
  - (1) expenditures contracted for in previous quarters;
  - (2) monies required by statute, rule, or regulation to be expended on a different time frame;
  - (3) seasonal employment of personnel;

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- (4) construction contracts;
  - (5) contracts dealing with purchases of food, medicines, or drugs;
  - (6) expenditures related to the Children with Special Health Care Needs benefits program administered by the Health and Human Services Commission or expenditures related to the Children with Special Health Care Needs Systems Development Group administered by the Department of State Health Services; and
  - (7) expenditures occasioned by disaster or other Act of God.
- (c) The monies exempted under Subsection (b) may not be considered in the computation of the total monies appropriated in a fiscal year for the purpose of applying Subsection (a).

### **Sec. 6.07. Employee Benefit and Debt Service Items.**

- (a) Monies appropriated in the various articles of this Act for Retirement and Group Insurance, Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay, Texas Public Finance Authority-G.O. Bond Debt Service Payments, and Lease-Payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority may be transferred between articles to a like appropriation item without limitation as to the amount of such transfer.
- (b) An agency to which an appropriation listed under Subsection (a) is made may pool such appropriations, made in the various articles for a common purpose, into a single cost pool for the purpose of administering the appropriation.

### **Sec. 6.08. Benefits Paid Proportional by Method of Finance.**

- (a) Unless otherwise provided, to maximize balances in the General Revenue Fund, payment for benefits paid from appropriated monies, including "local funds" and "education and general funds" as defined in Education Code, Section 51.009(a) and (c), shall be proportional to the method of finance except for public and community junior colleges. Any financing sources subject to restrictions that prevent their expenditure on salaries and wages, as directed by legislative intent or established in policies by the Comptroller governing the calculation of benefits proportionality by method of finance, shall not be subject to this proportional requirement.
- (b) Monies not subject to this proportionality requirement may include but are not limited to certain: appropriations for capital purposes, appropriations with salary restrictions, deficiency grant appropriations, emergency appropriations, or statutorily restricted funds that restrict or limit the use of monies to certain programs. The Comptroller shall make the final determination on the exclusion of monies from this proportionality requirement in conjunction with the policies developed under Subsection (f).
- (c) For institutions of higher education, in determining the proportional allocation between the General Revenue Fund and other appropriated funds, an adjustment for local funds benefits shall be made to equitably distribute costs between the General Revenue Fund and other appropriated funds. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, an adjustment for local funds benefits shall include the Available University Fund at system administration offices.
- (d) If the Comptroller determines that achieving employee benefits proportionality at the time the benefits payment is made would be impractical or inefficient, then the General Revenue Fund shall be reimbursed for any such payment made out of the General Revenue Fund.
- (e) For purposes of this Act, a public community or junior college may expend monies appropriated for employee benefit costs for any employee if the employee is: (1) otherwise eligible to participate in the group benefits program; and (2) an instructional or administrative employee whose salary may be fully paid from monies appropriated under the General Appropriations Act, regardless of whether the salary is actually paid from appropriated monies.
- (f) The Comptroller, after consulting with the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office, shall develop and maintain policies to provide for the administration of this section.

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- (g) Each agency or institution of higher education (excluding a community or junior college) having General Revenue Fund appropriations and other sources of financing shall file with the Comptroller and the State Auditor a report demonstrating proportionality. The report shall be filed before November 20 following the close of the fiscal year for the salaries, wages, and benefits of the preceding year which ended August 31. The report shall be in a format prescribed by the Comptroller in collaboration with the Legislative Budget Board and the State Auditor's Office. The Comptroller shall have 180 days after the due date to review this report, after which the report is considered final and approved. This deadline shall not apply if an agency or institution of higher education has not satisfactorily resolved issues raised by the Comptroller.
- (h) State Auditor shall at least biennially review agency and institution compliance with the requirements of this section if the agency or institution (excluding a community or junior college) receives monies appropriated under this Act. Subject to a risk assessment, the State Auditor shall audit the expenditure transfers and payments for benefits by an agency or institution. The State Auditor shall send the audit report to the Comptroller and the Legislative Budget Board upon completion of the audit, along with any recommendations for changes or refunds. The Comptroller, on receipt of notification from the State Auditor of amounts disproportionately paid from General Revenue Fund appropriations, shall reduce current year General Revenue Fund appropriations of the agency or institution until such time as such amounts are repaid from sources other than the General Revenue Fund.
- (i) Should cash balances in appropriated funds prohibit an account or fund from absorbing additional expense related to proportionality requirements, an agency or institution may be allowed to adjust benefit expenses accordingly. An agency or institution must notify the Comptroller and Legislative Budget Board of any requested adjustment. The Comptroller shall make the final determination on the allowance of any benefit expense adjustment but shall ensure that the General Revenue Fund is reimbursed to the maximum extent possible.
- (j) For institutions of higher education, excluding public community or junior colleges, monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended for employee benefit costs, or other indirect costs, associated with the payment of salaries or wages, if the salaries and wages are paid from monies not appropriated by this Act.
- (k) The limitation in Subsection (j) shall not apply to the:
  - (1) monies appropriated to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and provided to The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston or to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for correctional health care services, and
  - (2) monies appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission and provided to The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston for the operation of the Harris County Psychiatric Center or the Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center.

In accordance with the policies developed under Subsection (f), institutions identified in this subsection shall disclose information on the amount of interagency contract proceeds used to pay salaries and wages as well as the associated general revenue benefits for programs identified in this subsection.

- (l) If the Comptroller determines employee benefit amounts are disproportionately paid from General Revenue Fund appropriations, upon notification to the State Auditor, the Comptroller shall reimburse General Revenue Fund appropriations of the agency or institution from other methods of finance of the agency or institution.

**Sec. 6.09. Appropriations from Special Funds.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, appropriation amounts from special funds or special or dedicated accounts in the General Revenue Fund (as those terms are defined by Government Code, Section 403.001) are specifically limited to amounts not to exceed the actual balances and revenues available to each such fund or account.

### **Sec. 6.10. Limitation on State Employment Levels.**

- (a) (1) (A) A state agency that is subject to the requirements of Subsection (c) may not use monies appropriated by this Act to pay all or part of the salaries or benefits of a number of employees which would cause the number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) paid from monies appropriated by this Act by the state agency for a fiscal quarter to exceed the figure indicated by this Act for that state agency without reporting that use

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of monies to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board at a time not later than the last day of the first month following each quarter of the fiscal year, for which the FTEs exceed the figure indicated by this Act for that state agency.

- (B) A state agency that is subject to the requirements of Subsection (c) may not expend monies appropriated by this Act to pay all or part of the salaries or benefits of a number of employees which would cause the number of FTEs paid from monies appropriated by this Act by the state agency for a fiscal quarter to exceed the lesser of either:
  - (i) 110 percent of the FTE figure indicated by this Act for that state agency; or
  - (ii) 100 percent of the figure indicated by this Act for that state agency plus 50 FTEs.
- (2) (A) A state agency or institution of higher education that is subject to the requirements of Subsection (d) may not use monies appropriated by this Act to pay all or part of the salaries or benefits of a number of employees which would cause the number of FTEs paid from monies appropriated by this Act by the state agency or institution of higher education for a fiscal year to exceed the figure indicated by this Act for the state agency or institution of higher education for a fiscal year without reporting that use of monies to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board at a time not later than the last day of the first month following the last quarter of the fiscal year, for which the FTEs exceed the figure indicated by this Act for that state agency or institution.
- (B) A state agency or institution of higher education that is subject to the requirements of Subsection (d) may not expend monies appropriated by this Act to pay all or part of the salaries or benefits of a number of employees which would cause the number of FTEs paid from monies appropriated by this Act by the state agency or institution of higher education for a fiscal year to exceed the lesser of either:
  - (i) 110 percent of the FTE figure indicated by this Act for that state agency or institution; or
  - (ii) 100 percent of the figure indicated by this Act for that state agency or institution plus 50 FTEs.
- (b) A report by a state agency or institution of higher education of exceeding the FTE limitations established by Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(2)(A) must be submitted by the governing board of the state agency or institution of higher education (if the agency has a governing board) or by the chief administrative officer (if the agency does not have a governing board or the governing board has not met) and must include at a minimum:
  - (1) the date on which the board (if the agency has a governing board) or the chief administrative officer (if the agency does not have a governing board or the governing board has not met) approved the report;
  - (2) a statement justifying the need to exceed or reduce the limitation;
  - (3) the source of monies to be used to pay any additional salaries; and
  - (4) an explanation as to why the functions of any proposed additional FTEs cannot be performed within current staffing levels.
- (c) For the purpose of Subsections (a) and (b), the number of FTEs employed by a state agency (not including the agencies and institutions listed under Subsection (d)) for a fiscal quarter:
  - (1) shall be determined in accordance with the report filed pursuant to Government Code, Section 2052.103;
  - (2) shall include only employees paid with monies appropriated through this Act;
  - (3) shall not include overtime hours; and

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- (4) shall include a position filled by temporary or contract workers for more than one-half of the work days of the year preceding the final day of the reporting period. Temporary or contract workers shall include workers employed under contract to fill specific positions customarily filled by state employees. The State Auditor may provide interpretations of this provision.
- (d) For the purpose of Subsections (a) and (b), the number of FTEs employed by the Texas Historical Commission, the State Preservation Board, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the Texas School for the Deaf, or an institution of higher education or an affiliated entity, for a fiscal year:
  - (1) shall be determined in accordance with the reports filed pursuant to Government Code, Section 2052.103;
  - (2) shall be an average of the four reports filed for that fiscal year;
  - (3) shall include only employees paid with monies appropriated through this Act;
  - (4) shall not include overtime hours; and
  - (5) shall include a position filled by temporary or contract workers for more than one-half of the work days of the year preceding the final day of the reporting period. Temporary or contract workers shall include workers employed under contract to fill specific positions customarily filled by state employees. The State Auditor may provide interpretations of this provision.
- (e) This section shall not apply to appropriations made by this Act to the:
  - (1) Office of the Governor; or
  - (2) Comptroller.
- (f) The limitations on FTEs under this section do not apply to a state agency or institution in instances of employment, including employment of temporary or contract workers, directly associated with events declared disasters by the Governor. Each state agency or institution shall annually notify the State Auditor, Comptroller, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor of FTEs exempted under this section.
- (g)
  - (1) The limitations on FTEs under this section do not apply to a state agency or institution in an instance of employment for a project, including employment of a temporary or contract worker, if the FTEs associated with that project are not included in the number of FTEs allowed in the agency's bill pattern and the employees are associated with:
    - (A) implementation of a new, unanticipated project that is 100 percent federally funded; or
    - (B) the unanticipated expansion of an existing project that is 100 percent federally funded.
  - (2) With regard to the exemption from the FTE limitations provided by this subsection, a state agency or institution is exempt from the FTE limitations only for the duration of the federal funding for the employment related to the project and all salaries, benefits, and other expenses incurred related to employment must be paid from federal funds.
  - (3) This subsection does not exempt any employees associated with existing projects (with "existing projects" including those projects existing at the time of the preparation of this Act by a legislative conference committee and therefore included in the number of FTEs allowed in the agency's bill pattern) that are 100 percent federally funded and included in the number of FTEs allowed in the agency's bill pattern.
  - (4) Each state agency or institution shall notify the State Auditor, Comptroller, Legislative Budget Board, and Governor of FTEs exempted under this subsection.
- (h) If a program is transferred from a state agency or institution of higher education, then at any time during the biennium, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may agree to reduce the number of FTEs paid from monies appropriated by this Act by the state agency or institution of higher education for one or more fiscal quarters to a figure below that indicated by this Act for that agency or institution.

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- (i) The limitations on FTEs under this section do not apply to a state agency or institution of higher education in an instance of employment of:
  - (1) an intern; or
  - (2) a worker who is paid from appropriations of gifts and grants under Section 8.01.
- (j) The requirements of reporting under this section do not apply to a state agency or an institution of higher education with fewer than 50 FTEs allowed in the agency's or institution's bill pattern.
- (k) In this section, an "institution" or an "institution of higher education or affiliated entity" includes the affiliated service agencies of Texas A&M University System.

### **Sec. 6.11. Purchases of Postage.**

- (a) If the expenditures for postage by an agency, other than the Legislature or an institution of higher education, exceed \$4,000 for a fiscal year, the agency shall purchase postage only in accordance with Government Code, Section 2113.103(c).
- (b) The amount received by an agency as a refund of postage used by the agency shall be deposited in the fund to the credit of the appropriation from which postage for the agency is paid and is appropriated to the agency for postage use.

### **Sec. 6.12. Expenditures for State-Federal Relations.**

- (a) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be spent by a state agency to carry on functions for which monies have been appropriated to the Office of State-Federal Relations to perform except when an interagency contract has been executed between the Office of State-Federal Relations and the state agency.
- (b) Prior to travel to the Washington, D.C. area, including any trip with a destination to the Reagan-National, Dulles International, or Baltimore Washington International airports, state agency personnel shall inform the Office of State-Federal Relations regarding:
  - (1) the timing of the trip;
  - (2) the purpose of the trip; and
  - (3) the name of a contact person for additional information.
- (c) Under Subsection (b) the term "travel" is limited to only activities:
  - (1) involving obtaining or spending federal funds; or
  - (2) impacting federal policies.

### **Sec. 6.13. Performance Standards.**

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made by this Act be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of each state agency and institution. To achieve the objectives and service standards established by this Act, agencies and institutions shall make every effort to attain the designated key performance target levels associated with each item of appropriation.
- (b) To support and encourage the achievement and maintenance of these appropriated annual performance levels, continued expenditure of any appropriations in this Act shall be contingent upon compliance with the following provisions:
  - (1) Agencies and institutions, in coordination with the Legislative Budget Board, shall establish performance milestones for achieving targets within each annual budget and performance period; time frames for these milestones and the related performance reporting schedule shall be under guidelines developed and maintained by the Legislative Budget Board.

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- (2) Agencies and institutions shall provide testimony as to the reasons for any performance variances to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, as determined to be necessary by those committees. Assessments of agency and institution performance shall be provided to the committees under guidelines and procedures developed and maintained by the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 6.14. Bookkeeping Entries.** Should clerical or bookkeeping errors result in any monies being expended, transferred, or deposited into incorrect funds in or with the state Treasury or any monies being cleared from a trust and suspense fund to other than the proper fund, such erroneously expended, transferred, deposited, or cleared monies may be transferred to the correct funds or accounts or trust and suspense account within the state Treasury on request of the administering department with the concurrence of the Comptroller, and so much as is necessary for said transfer is appropriated.

### **Sec. 6.15. Accounting for State Expenditures.**

- (a) Notwithstanding the various patterns of appropriation established in this Act, the Comptroller shall account for the expenditure of monies appropriated by this Act in a manner that allows for the reporting of expenditures attributable to each strategy in each agency's respective Strategic Planning and Budget Structure as approved by the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board. The information shall be recorded and maintained systematically in the state accounting system in a manner that provides for the integration of the state's budget data and the state's accounting data and to facilitate the state's budget development process.
- (b) This section does not require the deposit into and subsequent disbursement of monies from the state Treasury that relate to Texas Public Education Grants, or "local funds" defined in Education Code, Section 51.009, except for tuition and lab fees.

**Sec. 6.16. Fee Increase Notification.** None of the monies appropriated by this Act may be expended by an agency which increases the rate of a fee assessed by that agency unless the agency provides a notice to the payer of the fee that the fee rate was set by the agency or its governing board and not mandated by the Legislature.

**Sec. 6.17. Consolidated Funds.** Contingent on the enactment of legislation relating to the dedication of funds, the Comptroller, on approval of the Legislative Budget Board, may change an applicable agency's method of financing source name as provided in this Act to reflect changes made by the other legislation that affects the status of the funding source. No change in the amount of the appropriation would be affected by this change.

**Sec. 6.18. Demographic and Statistical Studies.** Before expending monies appropriated by this Act for the purpose of contracting for a consultant or other private assistance in performing a study required by the Legislature that includes statistical or demographic analysis of data, the agency conducting the study shall determine if the resources of the Texas Legislative Council or the Office of the State Demographer and the Texas Demographic Center (previously known as the Texas State Data Center) located at The University of Texas at San Antonio are available to assist the agency in designing or conducting that component of the study.

**Sec. 6.19. Cost Allocations.** For more effective and efficient identification and allocation of costs, and to effect timely payments to employees and vendors, agencies may temporarily charge salary and/or operating costs to appropriations most applicable for the expense being incurred. Upon receipt of more specific information such as personnel-time allocation information for payrolls, or allocation of office supplies or other goods and services, agencies may reimburse the original paying appropriations by transfer from the appropriation to which the expenditure should have been charged. Such transfers must be accomplished within 12 months in a manner which records appropriate expenditures to the borrowing appropriation and negative expenditures to the lending appropriation. These transfers may be in summary amounts in a manner approved by the Comptroller. Each agency must maintain adequate detailed records to support summary transfer amounts.

### **Sec. 6.20. Use of Appropriations to Contract for Audits.**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other law or other sections of this Act, none of the monies appropriated in this Act shall be used by the agencies or institutions of higher education to enter into a contract with an independent audit entity for audit services, except as specified by this section.



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- (b) An agency or institution appropriated monies in this Act may use the monies to:
- (1) enter into an interagency contract with the State Auditor's Office (SAO) for the SAO to provide audit services to the agency or institution. At the discretion of the State Auditor and the Legislative Audit Committee, the SAO may conduct the audit or the SAO may enter into a contract with an independent audit entity to conduct the audit; or
  - (2) enter into a contract with an independent audit entity for the provision of audit services pursuant to Government Code, Section 321.020, if:
    - (A) the SAO has reviewed the scope of the proposed audit and has issued a written approval for the scope of the proposed audit, and
    - (B) the SAO has delegated the authority to enter into the proposed audit to the agency or institution, in the event the agency or institution does not have a specific statutory delegation of authority to enter into a contract for audit services.

**Sec. 6.21. Limitations on Use of Appropriated Monies.** Monies appropriated by this Act, other than those appropriated to an institution of higher education, may be expended only for items set out in the expenditure classifications of the Comptroller's Manual of Accounts insofar that an agency expending the appropriated monies has existing statutory authority for making the expenditures and the expenditures are not otherwise limited or prohibited in this Act or by other law.

**Sec. 6.22. Informational Items.** Object of expense (OOE) listings contained in this Act, and other informational listings are not appropriations, and are merely informational listings that are intended to qualify or direct the use of monies appropriated in agency strategies, or are incidental to the appropriation made in the agency strategies.

**Sec. 6.23. Appropriations from State Tax Revenue.** The appropriations from state tax revenue not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for the 2026-2027 biennium shall not exceed the Texas Constitution's Article VIII, Section 22 limit established by the Legislative Budget Board. The limit on appropriations that can be made for the 2026-2027 biennium is subject to adjustments resulting from revenue forecast revisions or subsequent appropriations certified by the Comptroller to the 2026-2027 biennial appropriations from state tax revenue not dedicated by the Texas Constitution. The Comptroller may adjust the composition of fund and account balances without any net change in balances or change in appropriations to ensure compliance with the limit set forth in Texas Constitution, Article VIII, Section 22.

**Sec. 6.24. Limitation on Abortion Funding.** To the extent allowed by federal and state law, monies appropriated by this Act may not be distributed to any individual or entity that, during the period for which monies under this Act are appropriated:

- (1) performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state's Medicaid program;
- (2) is commonly owned, managed, or controlled by an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the states' Medicaid program; or
- (3) is a franchise or affiliate of an entity that performs an abortion procedure that is not reimbursable under the state's Medicaid program.

This provision does not apply to a hospital licensed under Health & Safety Code, Chapter 241, or an office exempt under Health and Safety Code, Section 245.004(a)(2).

## Part 7. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### Sec. 7.01. Budgeting and Reporting.

- (a) As a limitation and restriction upon appropriations made by this Act, agencies and institutions of higher education appropriated monies by this Act may expend appropriated monies only if there is compliance with the following provisions:

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- (1) On or before December 1 of each year, an itemized budget covering the operation of that fiscal year shall be filed with the Governor, the Legislative Budget Board, and the Legislative Reference Library in the format prescribed jointly by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.
- (2) All subsequent amendments to the original budget shall be filed with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board within 30 calendar days of approval of such amendments unless such reporting requirement is waived.
- (3) Under guidelines developed by the Legislative Budget Board, each agency shall file a report with the Legislative Budget Board, the Governor, the Legislative Reference Library, the state publications clearinghouse of the Texas State Library, State Auditor's Office, and the appropriate substantive committees of the House and Senate. The report shall analyze the agency's performance relative to the attainment of stated outcome, output and efficiency targets of each funded goal and strategy. The report shall be submitted at such intervals required by the Legislative Budget Board. The report shall contain a comparison of actual performance for the reporting period with targeted performance based on the level of funding appropriated. In developing guidelines for the submission of agency performance reports, the Legislative Budget Board (in consultation with the Governor) shall:
  - (A) specify the measures to be reported including the key performance measures established in this Act;
  - (B) approve the definitions of measures reported; and
  - (C) establish standards for and the reporting of variances between actual and targeted performance levels.
- (4) The Legislative Budget Board in consultation with the Governor may adjust projected performance target levels, develop new measures, modify or omit existing measures and measure definitions, and/or transfer measures between agencies, goals or strategies to reflect appropriation changes made by riders or other legislation subsequent to passage of this Act, invocation of budget execution authority by the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, or as unforeseen circumstances may warrant during the biennium.
- (5) To ensure that the Program and Cost Accounting functions of the Uniform Statewide Accounting System (USAS) are maximized, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor:
  - (A) determine the agencies, institutions, goals, strategies or other reporting units for which cost accounting data is required;
  - (B) approve the basis for calculating and allocating costs to selected functions, tasks or measures;
  - (C) determine the frequency of reporting cost accounting data needed; and
  - (D) provide for the integration of cost accounting data into the budget development and oversight process.
- (6) The determinations to be made should be based upon due consideration of the relative benefits and cost-effectiveness of applying cost accounting requirements to a given state operation.
- (b) It is further the intent of the Legislature that the Comptroller develop and provide USAS training modules and support for state agencies and institutions to activate the cost accounting requirements addressed above.

### **Sec. 7.02. Annual Reports and Inventories.**

- (a) None of the monies appropriated by this Act may be expended by an agency or institution after the applicable deadline for filing an annual financial report as provided by Government Code, Section 2101.011 unless an annual financial report has been filed by the executive head of the agency or institution appropriated funds by this Act.

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- (b) The Comptroller shall withhold any appropriations for expense reimbursements for the heads of agencies or any employees of such agencies until delinquent reports have been filed with the Comptroller.
- (c) "Heads of agencies" as used in this section mean the elected and appointed officials, members of commissions or boards, etc., and the chief administrative officer of such department, board, commission, bureau, office, or agency of the state for which appropriations are made in this Act.

### **Sec. 7.03. Notification to Members of the Legislature.**

- (a) An agency may not use monies appropriated by this Act to close an agency's field office unless the agency provides notification to affected members of the Legislature prior to the public announcement of the closing of the field office.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that at the time of making a public announcement concerning a matter of public safety, a state agency that receives monies appropriated under this Act shall use those monies to make a reasonable attempt to contact each member of the Legislature whose district could be affected by the content of the announced information and disclose to the member the content of the announced information.

### **Sec. 7.04. Contract Notification: Amounts Greater than \$50,000.**

- (a) In this section "contract" includes a grant, agreement for the purchase or sale of a good or service, revenue generating contract, interagency or interlocal grant or agreement, purchase order, or other written expression of terms of agreement or an amendment, modification, renewal, or extension of such that was entered into or paid for, either in whole or in part, by a state agency or institution of higher education.
- (b) In this section "contract" does not include:
  - (1) a contract with a value of less than or equal to \$50,000, or
  - (2) a contract paid for exclusively using federal grant monies for which all parties to the contract and the terms of the contract have been determined by the federal government.
- (c) In this section "contract" includes an amendment, modification, renewal, or extension which increases a contract's value from a value less than or equal to \$50,000 to a value greater than \$50,000.
- (d) Before the 30th calendar day after awarding a contract or granting an amendment, modification, renewal, or extension, a state agency or institution of higher education shall report to the Legislative Budget Board in the manner prescribed by Legislative Budget Board all contracts, amendments, modifications, renewals, and extensions to which the agency or institution was a party.
- (e) A state agency or institution of higher education receiving an appropriation under this Act shall report a contract pursuant to this section without regard to source of monies or method of finance associated with the expenditure, including a contract for which only non-appropriated monies will be expended.
- (f) The Legislative Budget Board may conduct reviews of contracts required to be submitted under this section and valued at \$1,000,000 or more.
- (g) The Director of the Legislative Budget Board may provide written notification to the Comptroller, the Governor, and/or the Legislative Budget Board detailing the requirements of this section that the agency did not meet and any recommendations to address identified risks related to the procurement or contract if the procurement or contract reported under this section is found to violate:
  - (1) State of Texas Procurement and Contract Management Guide; or
  - (2) Any applicable statutes, rules, policies and procedures related to the procurement and contracting of goods and services, including compliance with conflict of interest disclosure requirements.

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- (h) The recommendations made by the Director of the Legislative Budget Board may include:
  - (1) enhanced monitoring by Legislative Budget Board staff;
  - (2) auditing by the State Auditor's Office;
  - (3) required agency consultation with the Quality Assurance Team and/or Contract Advisory Team; or
  - (4) contract cancellation.
- (i) For contracts with an initial award value greater than \$1 million, a state agency or institution of higher education shall provide notice of an amendment or a renewal of a contract for services for which the expected total value of the contract after amendment or renewal exceeds the total value of the initial contract award by 10 percent or more, in accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Budget Board, to:
  - (1) the Governor;
  - (2) the Lieutenant Governor; and
  - (3) the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (j) A state agency or institution of higher education must provide the notice required under Subsection (i) not later than the 30th calendar day after the date of the disclosure or discovery that the expected total value of the contract after amendment or renewal exceeds the total value of the initial contract award by 10 percent. The notice must include:
  - (1) the amount of the cost increase;
  - (2) the reason for the cost increase; and
  - (3) any opportunity the state agency had to lessen the cost or to purchase the service from another vendor after the first dollar of the increased cost was discovered or disclosed to the agency or institution.
- (k) The Legislative Budget Board shall establish the procedures for the notice required by Subsections (i) or (j).

### **Sec. 7.05. Reports and References.**

- (a) All references in this Act to the "Governor" and "Office of the Governor" are changed to "the Governor's Office."
- (b) A state agency or institution shall submit to the Governor's Office all reports, approval processes, notifications, filings, documentation of expenditures, plans, addendums, or updates submitted to the Legislative Budget Board, under provisions contained in this Act.

**Sec. 7.06. Internal Assessments on Utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses.** Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2161.127, each agency and institution shall include as part of its Legislative Appropriation Request an internal assessment evaluating the agency's or institution's efforts during the previous two fiscal years in increasing the participation of historically underutilized businesses (HUBs) in purchasing and public works contracting. The Comptroller or Legislative Budget Board may evaluate information provided in the internal assessments to determine the agency's or institution's good faith efforts towards increasing the use of HUBs in purchasing and contracting for goods and services in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2161, and 34 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 20, Subchapter D.

### **Sec. 7.07. Historically Underutilized Business Policy Compliance.**

- (a) (1) Pursuant to Government Code, Section 2161.127, each agency or institution shall include as part of its Legislative Appropriations Request a report demonstrating to the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller compliance and a plan for maintaining future compliance with Government Code, Section 2161.123 and that it will make good faith efforts to meet its

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goals established under Government Code, Section 2161.123(d)(5) for increasing the agency's or institution's use of historically underutilized businesses (HUBs) in purchasing and public works contracting.

- (2) The State Auditor's Office (SAO) shall audit compliance with HUB provisions at least once per biennium. The SAO shall select entities for audit based on a risk assessment performed by the SAO. The SAO should make recommendations to the entities audited. Copies of the audit report shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller.
- (3) In demonstrating to the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller that the agency or institution is compliant and will in the future maintain compliance or become compliant with Government Code, Section 2161.123 and that it will make good faith efforts to meet the agency's or institution's HUB purchasing and contracting goals, the agency or institution shall submit a plan addressing:
  - (A) statistical disparities by race, ethnicity, and gender classification in current HUB utilization, particularly in prime contracting;
  - (B) statistical disparities by race, ethnicity, and gender classification in the private marketplace, particularly in the area of utilization of women- and minority-owned firms in commercial construction;
  - (C) statistical disparities in firm earnings by race, ethnicity, and gender classification;
  - (D) anecdotal testimony of disparate treatment as presented by business owners in interviews, surveys, public hearings, and focus groups;
  - (E) details of the agency's outreach plan; and
  - (F) proper staffing of the agency's HUB department.
- (b) Upon being identified as lacking in compliance with HUB provisions by the SAO or at the request of the Legislative Budget Board, a state agency or institution shall also provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board and Comptroller on the status of implementation of the plan described under Subsection (a).

**Sec. 7.08. Reporting of Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Key Measures.** In accordance with Government Code, Section 2161.127, relating to the reporting of HUB key performance measures, the Legislative Budget Board reports information provided by agencies and institutions of higher education in the legislative appropriations requests on the LBB website, which can be found at <https://www.lbb.texas.gov/Bill89/Art9HUBKeyMeasures.pdf>.

**Sec. 7.09. Fraud Reporting.** A state agency or institution of higher education appropriated monies by this Act shall use appropriated monies to assist with the detection and reporting of fraud involving state monies by:

- (1) providing information on the home page of the entity's website on how to report suspected fraud, waste, and abuse involving state resources directly to the State Auditor's Office. This shall include, at a minimum, the State Auditor's Office fraud hotline information and a link to the State Auditor's Office website for fraud reporting; and
- (2) including in the agency or institution's policies information on how to report suspected fraud involving state monies to the State Auditor's Office.

**Sec. 7.10. Border Security.**

- (a) Included elsewhere in this Act is \$6,511.9 million in border security funding for the 2026-27 biennium. The following is an informational list of the estimated amounts appropriated elsewhere in this Act for border security.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>2026-27 Biennial Total</u> <u>(in millions)</u>
Office of the Attorney General	\$ 2.6
Trusted Programs within the Office of the Governor	2,888.7
Department of State Health Services	16.4

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Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	44.8
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission	6.9
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	25.9
Commission on Jail Standards	0.4
Texas Commission on Law Enforcement	0.3
Texas Military Department	2,265.5
Department of Public Safety	1,194.6
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	33.6
Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board	7.2
Department of Motor Vehicles	25.1
 GRAND TOTAL, ALL AGENCIES	 \$6,511.9

Notwithstanding general transfer provisions in this Act, Legislative Budget Board approval is necessary to modify the purpose of funds listed under Subsection (a).

- (b) In this section, border security is defined as activities:
- (1) associated with deterring crimes and enforcing state laws related to offenses listed in the Government Code, Section 772.0071;
  - (2) associated with hunting and fishing laws related to poaching;
  - (3) for which Texas receives federal grants intended to enhance law enforcement;
  - (4) that relate to federal law enforcement operations; or
  - (5) described in a disaster declaration relating to border security issued by the Governor.
- (c) Agencies listed above, and any other agency as requested by the Legislative Budget Board, shall report expended amounts and performance indicator results for border security as of February 28 and August 31 to the Legislative Budget Board. Agencies shall provide the report on a semi-annual basis not later than March 31 and September 30 of each year and in the manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board. Each report must include the following related to enforcing border security as described by Subsection (b):
- (1) Object of expense and method of finance for expended amounts, and
  - (2) Performance indicators as defined by the Legislative Budget Board, including but not limited to:
    - (A) the number of border security-related apprehensions and arrests made by law enforcement personnel;
    - (B) the number of juveniles apprehended;
    - (C) the number of individuals undergoing magistration, prosecution, or conviction for state crimes related to border security;
    - (D) the average number of detainees confined to state correctional facilities converted by the Department of Criminal Justice to confine those accused of state crimes related to border security;
    - (E) the total length, expressed in miles, and type of temporary and permanent fencing, barrier, or wall erected along the international border with Mexico; and
    - (F) the number and amount of grants issued by the Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor.
- (d) Agencies shall itemize information submitted in reports described in Subsection (c) into border regions and non-border regions. Each agency reporting under this section shall list in its reports the specific counties that the agency considers to be within the border region for purposes of the agency's reporting in compliance with this section. Reports may include activities statewide that support the definition in Subsection (b).

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### Sec. 7.11. Notification of Certain Purchases or Contract Awards, Amendments, and Extensions.

- (a) In this section "contract" includes a grant, agreement for the purchase or sale of goods or services, revenue generating contract, interagency or interlocal grant or agreement, purchase order or other written expression of terms of agreement, or an amendment, modification, renewal, or extension of such that was entered into or paid for, either in whole or in part, by a state agency or institution of higher education.
- (b) Until providing notice that satisfies the requirements of Subsections 7.11(c) and (d), an agency or institution of higher education appropriated monies in this Act may not expend any monies to make a payment on a contract if the expected amount of the contract exceeds or may reasonably be expected to exceed either of the following thresholds:
  - (1) \$10 million; or
  - (2) \$1 million in the case of a contract awarded:
    - (A) as a result of an emergency or following an emergency procedure allowed by statute; or
    - (B) without issuing a request for proposal, request for bid, or other similar process common to participation in the competitive bidding processes required by statute, rule, or ordinary and commonly recognized state policies and procedures.
- (c) An agency or institution of higher education may not expend monies to make a payment on a contract under Subsection (b) until the notice required in this section is provided to the Legislative Budget Board. The notice shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Board:
  - (1) within 15 calendar days of contract award; or
  - (2) within 5 calendar days of contract award if the contract was awarded as a result of an emergency or following an emergency procedure allowed by statute. Such a purchase must be necessary to avoid an immediate hazard to life, health, safety, or the welfare of humans, or to avoid an immediate hazard to property.
- (d) The notice required by Subsection (c) must include:
  - (1) (A) information regarding the nature, term, amount and the vendor(s) awarded the contract;
  - (B) a copy of the contract documents, including all appendices and attachments, and, if applicable, a finding of fact for major consulting contracts from the Governor's Office stating that the consulting services are necessary as required by Government Code, Section 2254.028(a)(3);
  - (C) each request for proposal, invitation to bid, or comparable solicitation related to the contract; and
  - (D) Subsections (d)(1)(B) and (C) shall not apply:
    - (i) to a healthcare enrollment contract;
    - (ii) to a contract of the Texas Department of Transportation that relates to highway construction or engineering, or is subject to Transportation Code, Section 201.112;
  - (2) (A) certification signed by the executive director of the agency or other similar agency or institution administrator or designee of the agency or institution of higher education stating that the process used to award the contract, contract extension, or purchase complies with or is consistent with the following:
    - (i) State of Texas Procurement and Contract Management Guide; and
    - (ii) statutes, rules, policies, and procedures related to the procurement and contracting of goods and services, including compliance with conflict of interest disclosure requirements; or

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- (B) if the process to award the contract, contract extension, or procurement did not comply with the requirements of Subsection (d)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), or if these requirements are found to be inapplicable, the agency or institution of higher education shall provide either a legal justification for the inapplicability of the requirements or an explanation for the alternative process utilized, and legal justification for the alternative process;
- (3) certification by the executive director of the agency or other similar agency or institution administrator or designee of the agency or institution of higher education that the agency or institution has a process for:
  - (A) verification of vendor performance and deliverables;
  - (B) payment for goods and services only within the scope of the contract or procurement order;
  - (C) calculation and collection of any liquidated damages associated with vendor performance; and
  - (D) when, why, or how to apply corrective action plans for continuing poor vendor performance;
- (4) certification by the executive director of the agency or other similar agency or institution administrator or designee of the agency or institution of higher education that the agency or institution will comply with the requirement to provide information to the Vendor Performance Tracking System when the contract is completed;
- (5) a copy of any vendor selection statements pertaining to the contract award required to be maintained in the state agency's contract file pursuant to Government Code, Section 2261.054; and
- (6) any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board before or after the Legislative Budget Board receives the notice as required by this section.
- (e) Except for a contract paid for exclusively using federal grant monies for which all parties to the contract and the terms of the contract have been determined by the federal government, a state agency or institution of higher education receiving an appropriation under this Act shall provide notice of a contract pursuant to this section without regard to the source of monies or method of finance associated with the expenditures, including a contract for which only non-appropriated monies will be expended.
- (f) If the agency does not satisfy the notification requirements of this section, the Director of the Legislative Budget Board may provide written notification to the Comptroller, Governor, and each of the members of the Legislative Budget Board detailing the requirements of this section that the agency did not meet and any recommendations to address identified risks related to the procurement or contract. The recommendations may include enhanced monitoring by Legislative Budget Board staff, auditing by the State Auditor's Office, required agency consultation with the Quality Assurance Team and/or Contract Advisory Team, or contract cancellation.
- (g) It is the intent of the Legislature that a written notice certified as required by this section should be considered a "governmental record" as defined under Penal Code, Chapter 37.

**Sec. 7.12 Notification of Non-Compliance with Contract Advisory Team Recommendations.** A state agency, as defined by Government Code, Section 2056.001, shall provide a copy of the written explanation regarding non-compliance with Contract Advisory Team (CAT) recommendations to the Legislative Budget Board no later than three business days after the explanation is provided to CAT pursuant to Government Code, Section 2262.101(d)(2).

**Sec. 7.13. Document Production Standards.** Out of the monies appropriated by this Act, each state agency shall review its document production protocols and apply best practices to produce documents in the most practicable, efficient, and cost-effective manner possible that would lead to reduction in the total volume of paper used for general office administration, publications, and reproduction and printing services. This may also include changing the format of transmitting or receiving documents, such as through electronic rather than hard copy.



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### **Sec. 7.14. Reporting: Texas Opioid Settlement Receipts.**

- (a) If the Comptroller of Public Accounts receives a disbursement of monies or any other form of financial compensation from the fund administrator of the settlement or other disposition of any litigation involving the State of Texas as a litigant in opioid-related litigation in state or federal court, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall submit a report in accordance with Subsection (c).
- (b) If a state agency or institution of higher education, other than the Comptroller of Public Accounts, receives funds from the opioid abatement account established by Government Code, Section 403.505, or the opioid abatement trust fund established by Government Code, Section 403.506, the agency or institution shall submit a report in accordance with Subsection (c).
- (c) A report required to be submitted under Subsection (a) or (b) must be submitted not later than October 1 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board, the Speaker of the House, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee. The report shall include the amount of funds received during the previous biennium, the source of the funds, the date on which the funds were received, the purposes for which the funds are to be expended, and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 7.15. Reports on Interagency Contracts.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent their capabilities and resources allow, state agencies shall make available on their Internet websites annual reports for each state fiscal year, providing information on each interagency contract with a value that exceeds or may reasonably be expected to exceed \$10 million. Each report must be made available not later than September 30 of each year. Each report must identify:

- (1) each state agency that is a party to an interagency contract and whether the agency is disbursing or receiving money under the contract;
- (2) the amount spent by the disbursing agency for the contract and the method of finance; and
- (3) the agency programs for which the agencies entered the contract and the appropriation line items from which monies were spent by the agencies to perform the contract.

**Sec. 7.16. World Health Organization.** A state agency or institution of higher education appropriated monies by this Act and engaged in any activities in collaboration with, directed by, or financed by the World Health Organization (WHO) or its affiliates shall report on those activities to the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) by the end of each year. No later than December 1 of each year, HHSC shall submit a report to members of the Texas Legislature that summarizes and details the activities at state agencies and institutions of higher education that are funded, directed, or in collaboration with the WHO or its affiliates. The report shall also be available on HHSC's website.

### **Sec. 7.17. Security Cost Savings Report.**

- (a) A state agency or institution of higher education that occupies any office space, storage space, parking facilities, or grounds in the Capitol Complex shall report to the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) cost savings as well as any related information that the Texas Facilities Commission may require resulting from the Department of Public Safety providing all security services for the Capitol Complex.
- (b) TFC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board on cost savings as well as any related information that the Legislative Budget Board may require resulting from the Department of Public Safety providing all security services for the Capitol Complex.
- (c) No later than November 1, 2025, TFC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board projected cost savings for the 2026-27 biennium resulting from the Department of Public Safety providing all security services for the Capitol Complex.
- (d) No later than November 1, 2026, TFC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board actual cost savings for fiscal year 2026 resulting from the Department of Public Safety providing all security services for the Capitol Complex.
- (e) No later than November 1, 2027, TFC shall report to the Legislative Budget Board actual cost savings for fiscal year 2027 resulting from the Department of Public Safety providing all security services for the Capitol Complex.

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- (f) The reports required by this section shall be in a form and contain such other information including method of finance as required by the Legislative Budget Board.

### **Part 8. OTHER APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY**

#### **Sec. 8.01. Acceptance of Gifts of Money.**

- (a) A gift or bequest of money to a state agency named in this Act, including the legislative branch, that has specific authority to accept gifts is appropriated to the agency designated by the grantor and for the purpose the grantor may specify, subject to Subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e).
- (b) Unless exempted by specific statutory authority, a gift or bequest of money shall be:
  - (1) deposited into the state Treasury, and
  - (2) expended in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (c) A gift or bequest to a state agency may not be transferred to a private or public development fund or foundation unless written permission for the transfer is given by the donor of the gift or representative of the estate. An account of all such letters of written permission and transfers of gifts or bequests shall be kept by the agency and shall be reported to the State Auditor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) An unexpended balance from a gift or bequest existing at the beginning of this biennium or at the end of a fiscal year of this biennium is appropriated for use during this biennium for the purpose provided by the grantor.
- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that during the years subsequent to this biennium, to the extent allowed by law, the gift or bequest be used by the beneficiary agency for the purpose provided by the grantor.

#### **Sec. 8.02. Reimbursements and Payments.**

- (a) Except as provided in Subsection (f) or other provision of this Act, any reimbursements received by an agency of the state for authorized services, including contractual agreements with a non-governmental source or any unit of government, including state, federal, or local government, refund of expenditures received by an agency of the state, and any payments to an agency of the state government made in settlement of a claim for damages, including liquidated damages, are appropriated to the agency of the state receiving such reimbursements and payments for use during the fiscal year in which they are received. Revenues specifically established by statute on a fee- or service-provided basis are not appropriated by this section and are available for expenditure by the collecting agency only if appropriated elsewhere in this Act.
- (b) Forfeited money, proceeds from the sale of forfeited property, or similar monetary awards related to the agency's participation in the seizure of controlled substances or other contraband are appropriated to the receiving state agency unless distribution is otherwise provided by statute or specific provision of this Act.
- (c) Except as provided elsewhere in this Act, net amounts of money received by an agency as a result of tax seizures or other similar recoveries authorized by statute shall be deposited in the state Treasury as unappropriated revenues to the funds or accounts authorized by statute.
- (d) The portion of proceeds representing recoveries of costs incurred in forfeitures under Subsection (b) or seizures or similar recoveries under Subsection (c) are appropriated to the receiving agency. Such cost recoveries include court costs; attorney fees; rentals or storage fees; auction and sale costs; preparation costs to condition property for sale; and salaries, travel, and other overhead costs of the agency.
- (e) The reimbursements, refunds, and payments received under Subsection (a) shall be credited by the Comptroller to the agency's current appropriation items or accounts from which the expenditures of like character were originally made, or in the case of damage settlements to the appropriation items or accounts from which repairs or replacements are made; provided, however, that any refund of less than \$50 to an institution of higher education for postage, telephone service,

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returned books and materials, cylinder and container deposits, insurance premiums and like items, shall be deposited to the current fund account of the institution in the state Treasury and such monies are appropriated.

- (f)
  - (1) Fifty percent of the reimbursements, refunds, and payments of state monies received under Subsection (a) as a result of a recovery audit pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2115, shall be credited by the Comptroller to the agency's current appropriation items or accounts from which the expenditures of like character were originally made and such monies are appropriated to the agency in the fiscal year in which the monies are received. The remaining 50 percent shall be deposited in the state Treasury as unappropriated revenues to the originating funds or accounts.
  - (2) Any reimbursement or refund related to grant monies shall be governed by Part 4 of this article.
  - (3) If an agency recovers federal money through a recovery audit conducted under Government Code, Chapter 2115, the payment made to the recovery audit consultant pursuant to Government Code, Section 2115.004, shall be made from the agency's current appropriation items from non-federal methods of finance, unless the rules of the federal program allow payment from the recovered federal funds. As applicable, federal reimbursements received for such expenditures of state monies shall be credited by the Comptroller to the funds from which the expenditures were originally made as provided by Section 13.05.
- (g) An unexpended balance received by an agency or institution from disaster-related recoveries, disaster-related reimbursements, disaster-related refunds, or other disaster-related payments that exist on:
  - (1) August 31, 2025, are appropriated for use during the following fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025; and
  - (2) August 31, 2026, are appropriated for use during the following fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

### **Sec. 8.03. Surplus Property.**

- (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), 25 percent of the receipts to a state agency specified in this Act received from the sale of surplus property, equipment, commodities, or salvage (including recycled products) pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Chapter 2175, are appropriated to the state agency for expenditure during the fiscal year in which the receipts are received. Receipts from such surplus equipment, commodities, or salvage (including recycled products) sales shall be expended from the appropriation item from which like property, equipment, or commodities would be purchased.
- (b) All receipts collected from the sale of deaccessioned items as provided by Government Code, Section 2175.909, are appropriated for use by the state agency for which the Comptroller deposited the receipts to the appropriated dedicated account. The appropriated monies may be used as determined by the agency for the purposes of the care and preservation of the agency's qualifying collection.

### **Sec. 8.04. Refunds of Deposits.**

- (a) Any money deposited into the state Treasury which is subject to refund as provided by law shall be refunded from the fund into which the money was deposited, transferred, or otherwise credited, and so much as is necessary for said refunds is appropriated.
- (b) Unless another law, or section of this Act, provides a period within which a particular refund claim must be made, monies appropriated by this Act may not be used to pay a refund claim made under this section after four years from the latest date on which the amount collected or received by the state was due if the amount was required to be paid on or before a particular date. If the amount was not required to be paid on or before a particular date, a refund claim may not be made after four years from the date the amount was collected or received. A person who fails to make a refund claim within the period provided by law, or this provision, may not receive payment of a refund under this section.

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- (c) Except as provided by Subsection (d), as a specific limitation to the amount of refunds paid from monies appropriated by this Act during the 2026-27 biennium, the Comptroller may not approve claims or issue warrants for refunds in excess of the amount of revenue estimated to be available from the tax, fee, or other revenue source during the biennium according to the Biennial Revenue Estimate of the Comptroller used for certification of this Act. Any claim or portion of a claim that is in excess of this limitation shall be presented to the next Legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made. The limit provided by this subsection does not apply to any taxes or fees paid under protest.
- (d) Where the Biennial Revenue Estimate referenced in Subsection (c) provides that no revenues are estimated to be available from a tax, fee, or other revenue source, and where a special fund or special or dedicated account (as those terms are defined by Government Code, Section 403.001) has been abolished or the law creating the special fund or special or dedicated account has been repealed or has expired, any balances which may have been transferred or credited to the General Revenue Fund because of such abolishment, repeal, or expiration are appropriated from that fund to pay refunds that are otherwise payable under this section.

**Sec. 8.05. Vending Machines.** All receipts collected from vending machine operations pursuant to Government Code, Section 2203.005, are appropriated to the institution or agency for use as directed by the institution or agency authorizing the installation.

**Sec. 8.06. Pay Station Telephones.** All receipts collected from pay station telephone operations pursuant to Government Code, Section 2170.009, are appropriated for use by the agency as determined by the governing board or commission.

**Sec. 8.07. Appropriation of Collections for Seminars and Conferences.** All monies collected for the reimbursement of costs directly associated with the conducting of seminars, conferences, or clinics that directly relate to the legal responsibilities and duties of the agency and that are for the purposes of education, training, or informing employees or the general public are appropriated for the necessary expenses incurred in conducting the seminar; provided, however, all applicable laws, and rules and regulations for the acquisition of goods and services for the state shall apply to the expenditures. Applicable expenses may include the purchase of food when the registration fee for the seminar or conference contains a mandatory and non-separable cost component based on a cost recovery methodology to pay for food costs. Any unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, in an appropriation made by House Bill 1, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, Article IX, Section 8.07, are appropriated for the same purpose. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Sec. 8.08. Appropriation of Bond Proceeds.** The proceeds from the issuance and sale of bonds or other obligations pursuant to the provisions of Government Code, Chapter 1232, and Government Code, Chapter 1401, or other law, are appropriated to the state agency to whose account the proceeds are deposited or credited. Proceeds include interest and investment income.

**Sec. 8.09. CMIA Interest and Other Federal Payments.**

- (a) There is appropriated to the Comptroller for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, sufficient monies from the General Revenue Fund for the payment of interest due the federal government under the federal Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 (31 U.S.C. §6501 et seq.).
- (b) An amount equal to the amount of interest payments made from the General Revenue Fund on behalf of special funds or special or dedicated accounts (as those terms are defined by Government Code, Section 403.001) as a result of the federal Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990 is appropriated from special funds or special or dedicated accounts. The Comptroller shall transfer from each special fund or special or dedicated account to the General Revenue Fund an amount equal to the amount of interest paid on behalf of each special fund or special or dedicated account.
- (c) Subject to the prior written approval of the Governor and Legislative Budget Board, there is appropriated to the Comptroller for the biennium ending August 31, 2027, sufficient monies from the General Revenue Fund for the payment of amounts due the federal government, including interest under Government Code, Chapter 2106, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-87 or a subsequent revision or successor to that circular.

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**Sec. 8.10. Appropriation of Receipts: Credit, Charge, Debit Card, or Electronic Cost Recovery Service Fees.** Any fee amount assessed by an agency for the purpose of paying the costs associated with credit, charge, or debit card services is appropriated to that agency from the fund to which the fee was deposited. Any cost recovery fees assessed by an agency and approved by the Department of Information Resources as authorized under Government Code, Chapter 2054, for the purpose of paying the costs associated with implementing and maintaining electronic services, excluding subscription fees as authorized under Government Code, Chapter 2054, Subchapter I, are appropriated to the assessing agency from the fund to which the fee was deposited. Any unexpended balances from credit, charge, or debit card service or cost recovery fees remaining at the end of the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, are reappropriated to the assessing agency from the fund to which the fee was deposited for the same purposes for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025. Any unexpended balances as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**Sec. 8.11. Employee Meal Authorization.** State agencies providing institution-based services, including the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of State Health Services, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Texas School for the Deaf, may provide meals to employees working in institutional settings, including reimbursing employees of state supported living centers and state hospitals who are required to eat with individuals served during an off-campus event, and may charge an amount established by the agencies to reimburse the direct and indirect costs of preparation.

**Sec. 8.12. Bank Fees and Charges.** From interest income appropriated by this Act, amounts may be used for the purpose of paying bank fees and charges as necessary.

### **Sec. 8.13. Appropriation of Specialty License Plate Receipts.**

- (a) For the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, the amounts appropriated to an agency under Articles I-VIII of this Act include, regardless of whether or not the amounts may be shown under or limited by the bill pattern of the agency or the special provisions applicable to the article of this Act under which the agency's appropriation might be located, all unexpended balances that may exist and all revenue collected by an agency on or after September 1, 2025, that is associated with the sale of a Texas specialty license plate, as authorized by Transportation Code, Chapter 504, Subchapter G, or other applicable statute, including any new license plates that may be authorized or issued after September 1, 2025.
- (b) Amounts appropriated by this section shall be used for purposes consistent with this Act and all applicable statutes.

**Sec. 8.14. Cost Recovery of Application or Testing Fees.** Any cost recovery fee collected by an agency in relation to the use of an electronic based application or test required by the agency is appropriated to that agency from the fund to which the cost recovery fee was deposited for the purpose of paying any cost to the agency associated with a contract related to the application or test.

**Sec. 8.15. Cost Recovery of Fees.** Any cost recovery fee collected by an agency is appropriated to that agency from the fund to which the cost recovery fee was deposited to be used for the purpose of paying any cost incurred by the agency when those costs are associated with a contract or other expense related to the cost recovery fee.

## **Part 9. INFORMATION RESOURCES PROVISIONS**

### **Sec. 9.001. Definitions.**

In Part 9:

- (1) "Contract Advisory Team" and "CAT" means the contract advisory team established under Government Code, Chapter 2262.
- (2) "Information resources" has the meaning provided by Government Code, Section 2054.003.
- (3) "Information resources technologies" has the meaning provided by Government Code, Section 2054.003.

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- (4) "Major information resources project" has the meaning provided by Government Code, Section 2054.003.
- (5) "Phases" of the development of a major information resources project include planning, systems analysis and requirements, systems design, development, integration and testing, implementation, and operations and maintenance.
- (6) "Quality Assurance Team" and "QAT" means the quality assurance team established under Government Code, Section 2054.158.

### **Sec. 9.01. Purchases of Information Resources Technologies.**

- (a) A state agency may not expend appropriations for information resources technologies unless the information resources technologies are in a plan approved by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (b) A state agency shall provide to the Quality Assurance Team (QAT), within 10 business days of receipt of a request from QAT, any verification and validation report or quality assurance report required to be produced for a major information resources project.
- (c) Prior to the start of vendor negotiations with regards to a major information resources project with an initial value expected to exceed \$10 million, a state agency shall submit to QAT a draft copy of the contract containing the proposed terms. QAT may provide the state agency with recommendations pertaining to the draft copy of the contract. Upon conclusion of vendor negotiations, a state agency shall submit the final negotiated copy of the contract to QAT for review. QAT shall either provide the state agency with recommendations pertaining to the final negotiated copy of the contract or waive review. A state agency shall not submit the final negotiated copy of the contract to the vendor for the purpose of execution prior to receiving either QAT's recommendations or waiver.

QAT may conduct a preliminary review of the draft contract prior to vendor negotiation. Based on the preliminary review and QAT's determination that the agency has developed a risk mitigation strategy sufficient to protect the state's interests, QAT may waive further review and the approval requirement of this section.

- (d) Prior to amending a contract associated with any phase of the development of a major information resources project, when the expected total value of the contract after the amendment exceeds the total value of the initial contract awarded by 10 percent or more, the agency shall notify the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and QAT.
- (e)
  - (1) An amendment to a major information resources project or contract associated with any phase of the development of a major information resources project with a total initial project or contract value that exceeds \$5 million must be reported to QAT prior to execution if:
    - (A) the expected total value of the project or contract after the amendment exceeds the total value of the initial project or contract awarded by 10 percent or more;
    - (B) the expected total value of an element in the project or contract after the amendment exceeds the total value of the same element in the initial project or contract awarded by 10 percent or more; or
    - (C) the amendment requires the vendor to provide consultative services, technical expertise, or other assistance in defining project scope or deliverables.
  - (2) If the requirement of Subsection (e)(1) is not met, QAT may provide written notification to the Comptroller, the Governor, or the Legislative Budget Board detailing the requirements that the agency did not meet and any recommendations to address identified risks related to the project or contract. QAT, as authorized by Government Code, Section 2054.1181, may require the agency to:
    - (A) establish a corrective action plan including modifications to the design, deployment, or costs related to the project; or
    - (B) to discontinue the project, subject to Legislative Budget Board approval.

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- (f) For the purposes of reporting contracts under Subsection (e) a state agency shall provide to QAT a copy of the final version of the amendment, including all appendices and attachments.
- (g) If a state agency cancels a contract for development of a major information resources project, which if amended would be subject to the requirements of Subsection (e), and issues a solicitation for identical or similar goods and/or services for development of the same project, then the contract must be submitted to QAT prior to execution.
- (h) QAT may waive the requirements with regards to a contract under Subsection (c) or an amendment under Subsection (e) by providing notice of waiver to the state agency required to submit contract documents under the respective subsections.

### **Sec. 9.02. Quality Assurance Review of Major Information Resources Projects.**

- (a) A state agency may not expend appropriated money for a major information resources project unless the project has been reviewed by the Quality Assurance Team (QAT) and approved by the Legislative Budget Board in the agency's biennial operating plan. QAT shall make recommendations based on an analysis of the major information resources project's risk. QAT may request any information necessary to determine a major information resources project's potential risk. QAT may waive the major information resources project review requirements for a project.
- (b)
  - (1) QAT may require independent verification and validation services of all major information resources projects projected to result in more than \$10 million of overall lifetime expenditures. In addition, QAT may require independent project monitoring, project status reporting, project expenditure reporting, or any additional information necessary to assess a major information resources project's on-going potential for success.
  - (2) A state agency must notify QAT when the agency advertises a request for proposal, request for bid, or other similar process common to participation in the competitive bidding processes of a major information resources project. The corresponding agency requisition number must be provided at the time of notification.
  - (3) A state agency must notify QAT within 10 business days when the agency awards a contract for a major information resources project that exceeds \$10 million for QAT review.
  - (4) After a major information resources project has been completed, QAT may also require an agency to submit a project post-implementation evaluation report to determine if the project met its planned objectives.
  - (5) QAT may take any additional actions or request information as specified in Government Code, Section 2054.1181.
  - (6) Without regard to the source of monies associated with the expenditures for a major information resources project and without regard to the method of finance of an appropriation associated with a project, QAT may make the requests and impose the requirements or additional actions provided by this section on all major information resources projects regardless of whether undertaken entirely or partially by:
    - (A) outsourcing or contracting of any sort; or
    - (B) agency employees.
- (c) On request by QAT, the State Auditor's Office shall provide audit and review of:
  - (1) the major information resources projects;
  - (2) the information provided by the agencies; and
  - (3) project management policies and practices.
- (d) QAT may request the assistance of the Comptroller regarding the accuracy of major information resources project expenditures and compliance with this Act.

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- (e) The State Auditor's Office may:
  - (1) provide an independent evaluation of the post implementation evaluation review process of a major information resources project to ensure the validity of its results; and
  - (2) send the evaluation to the Legislative Audit Committee.
- (f) The Department of Information Resources may issue guidelines for software development, quality assurance, and the review of major information resources projects.
- (g) QAT shall require each affected agency to:
  - (1) quantitatively define the expected outcomes and outputs for each major information resource project at the outset;
  - (2) monitor cost; and
  - (3) evaluate the final results to determine whether expectations have been met.
- (h) After a major information resources project has been completed, QAT may also require a project demonstration to determine if the project is functioning as intended.

**Sec. 9.03. Biennial Operating Plan and Information Resources Strategic Plan Approval.** It is the intent of the Legislature that agencies receiving appropriated monies for the acquisition of information technology must have a current Biennial Operating Plan including any amendments as approved by the Legislative Budget Board prior to expending any money for information technology. Information technology items identified in the capital budget rider must be included and approved in the Biennial Operating Plan or a subsequently approved amendment of the Biennial Operating Plan. The Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller to deny the agency access to information technology appropriations for non-compliance.

**Sec. 9.04. Texas.gov Project: Occupational Licenses.** Each licensing entity not otherwise authorized to increase occupational license fees elsewhere in this Act may, as provided by Government Code, Section 2054.252(g), increase the occupational license or permit fees imposed on the licensing entity's licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee charged by the Texas.gov Project to the licensing entity pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2054. Each licensing entity provided authority to impose a fee by Government Code, Section 2054.252(g), and not otherwise authorized to increase occupational license fees elsewhere in this Act is appropriated the additional occupational license or permit fees in excess of the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate for 2026-27 for the sole purpose of payment to the Texas.gov contractor subscription fees for implementing and maintaining electronic services for the licensing entities. Each agency, upon completion of necessary actions to access or increase fees, shall furnish copies of board meeting minutes, an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the Comptroller. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued, and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purposes.

**Sec. 9.05. Texas.gov Project: Cost Recovery Fees.** Any cost recovery fees, excluding subscription fees as authorized under Government Code, Chapter 2054, approved by the Department of Information Resources in relation to the Texas.gov Project as authorized under Government Code, Chapter 2054, are appropriated to that agency from the fund to which the fee was deposited for the purpose of paying the costs associated with implementing and maintaining electronic services. Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2025, are reappropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

**Sec. 9.06. Prioritization of Cybersecurity and Legacy System Projects.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act and in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2054, the Department of Information Resources (DIR) shall submit a prioritization of state agencies' cybersecurity projects and projects to modernize or replace legacy systems, as defined in the Government Code, Section 2054.571, to be considered for funding to the Legislative Budget Board by October 1, 2026. Agencies shall coordinate and cooperate with DIR for implementation of this provision.



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**Sec. 9.07. Surplus Information Technology Hardware.** It is the intent of the Legislature that agencies appropriated monies elsewhere in this Act, when feasible, purchase information technology (IT) hardware through the state surplus property program prior to purchasing new IT hardware from other sources, as authorized by Government Code, Chapter 2175.

**Sec. 9.08. Assignment of Contract Responsibility.**

(a) In this section:

- (1) "Agency" and "state agency" mean a state officer, board, commission, or department in the executive branch of government appropriated monies under this General Appropriations Act.
- (2) "Assignment" includes any legal means for transferring the responsibilities for fulfillment of any duties, rights, or obligations due to a state agency or institution of higher education under a contract from the original party obligated to the agency or institution (the assignor) to another party (the assignee) assuming the duties, rights, or obligations due to a state agency or institution of higher education under a contract.
- (3) "Contract" has the meaning provided by Section 7.04.
- (4) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" has the meaning provided by Education Code, Section 61.003(8), except that the term does not include a public junior college.
- (5) "Sensitive personal information" has the meaning provided by Business & Commerce Code, Section 521.002.
- (6) "Total value of the contract" includes the value of all payments, as calculated by the Quality Assurance Team, made and expected to be made in the future by a state agency or institution of higher education over the life of the contract beginning from the date of execution of the original contract between the state agency or institution of higher education and the original party with responsibilities for fulfillment of any duties, rights, or obligations due to a state agency or institution of higher education under the contract and including total payments made before assignment of the contract and the total payments expected to be made in the future after the assignment of the contract.

(b) A contract is subject to the requirements of this section if:

- (1) (A) the contract is for a major information resources project;
- (B) there is a proposal for the transfer by assignment of the responsibility for fulfillment of any duties, rights, or obligations due to a state agency or institution of higher education under the contract; and
- (C) the total value of the contract exceeds \$10 million;
- (2) the contract involves storing, receiving, processing, transmitting, disposing of, or accessing sensitive personal information in a foreign country; and
- (3) the contract is for services.

(c) An assignment of a contract subject to this section shall not be valid and an agency or institution of higher education may not expend appropriated monies to make a payment on a contract subject to this section until:

- (1) the assignment has been approved by the executive director of the agency or other similar agency or institution administrator or designee of the agency or institution of higher education; and
- (2) the notice described by Subsection (d) has been provided.

(d) (1) An agency or institution must provide notice that a contract is subject to this section at least 14 calendar days prior to the date the assignment is approved pursuant to Subsection (c)(1).

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- (2) The notice provided by the state agency or institution of higher education must be:
  - (A) in writing and meet the requirements of Subsection (e); and
  - (B) provided to the Legislative Budget Board and the Quality Assurance Team.
- (e) The notice provided by a state agency or institution must include a contract between the state agency or institution of higher education signed by the assignor or the proposed assignee party but not signed by the state agency or institution of higher education.
- (f) The Quality Assurance Team may require a state agency or institution of higher education to provide information regarding:
  - (1) the projected total value of the contract subject to this section;
  - (2) the risk associated with a contract subject to this section; and
  - (3) the potential for success of a contract subject to this section.
- (g) On request by the Quality Assurance Team, the State Auditor may audit or review the information provided by a state agency or institution of higher education required to report a contract under this section.
- (h) On request by the Quality Assurance Team, the Comptroller may provide assistance regarding:
  - (1) verifying the accuracy of information provided by a state agency or institution of higher education required to report a contract under this section; and
  - (2) determining a state agency's or institution of higher education's compliance with the requirements of this section.
- (i) A state agency or institution of higher education may utilize independent verification and validation services related to a contract subject to this section.
- (j) A state agency or institution of higher education shall evaluate a contract under this section to determine if the contract generally complies with the applicable contracting standards established in Section 17.09, and other laws of this state.

### Part 10.

### HEALTH-RELATED PROVISIONS

**Sec. 10.01. Full Application for Health Coverage.** To the fullest extent permitted by federal law and regulations, all state agencies that have children in their custody must apply for enrollment of all children in the Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program unless the children have otherwise been provided health insurance.

**Sec. 10.02. Appropriation of Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments to State-Owned Hospitals.** Disproportionate Share Hospital Program payments from the Health and Human Services Commission to state-owned hospitals are appropriated to the receiving state agency/hospital as replacement funding for monies transferred to the Health and Human Services Commission and are subject to the accounting provisions as required by the Comptroller including deposits to the fund or account from which the original source of transfers to the Health and Human Services Commission was made.

**Sec. 10.03. Informational Listing on Use of Tobacco Settlement Receipts.**

- (a) The following is an informational list of the amounts (as shown in thousands) appropriated elsewhere in this Act to agencies from tobacco settlement receipts and estimated distributions from funds and endowments created by House Bill 1676 and House Bill 1945, Seventy-sixth Legislature and Senate Bill 126, Seventy-seventh Legislature for each fiscal year of the 2026-27 biennium and does not make appropriations:

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	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
(1) Health and Human Services Commission		
A.1.1. Medicaid Client Services	\$148,000	\$148,000
C.1.1. Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	154,151	153,624
(2) Department of State Health Services		
A.2.5. TX Center for Infectious Disease, estimated	883	883
(3) Texas Department of Agriculture		
A.2.2. Rural Health	1,891	1,891
(4) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board		
E.1.3. Earnings - Baylor College of Medicine, estimated	1,425	1,425
E.1.4. Baylor College Medical Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,914	1,914
F.1.1. Earnings - Minority Health, estimated	1,067	1,067
F.1.2. Earnings - Nursing, Allied Health, estimated	1,884	1,884
(5) University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UT SWMC Dallas, estimated	3,825	3,825
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	3,649	3,649
(6) University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston		
F.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UTMB Galveston, estimated	1,913	1,913
F.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	2,176	2,176
(7) University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston		
F.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UTHSC Houston, estimated	1,913	1,913
F.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	2,196	2,196
(8) University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio		
F.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UTHSC San Antonio, estimated	15,300	15,300
F.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,753	1,753
(9) University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UT MD Anderson, estimated	7,650	7,650
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	2,784	2,784
(10) University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UTHSC Tyler, estimated	1,913	1,913
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,429	1,429
(11) Texas A&M University System Health Science Center		
F.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - TAMU System HC, estimated	1,400	1,400
F.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,384	1,384
(12) University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UNT HSC Ft. Worth, estimated	1,125	1,125
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,045	1,045
(13) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - TX Tech University HSC, estimated	1,935	1,935
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,754	1,754
(14) Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at El Paso		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings -TX Tech HSC El Paso	1,400	1,400
E.1.2. Tobacco - Permanent Health Fund	1,352	1,352
(15) University of Texas System		
C.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - RAHC, estimated	1,530	1,530
(16) University of Texas at El Paso		
E.1.1. Tobacco Earnings - UTEP, estimated	1,913	1,913
(17) University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine		
E.1.1. Tobacco-Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,303	1,303
(18) University of Texas at Austin - Dell Medical School		
E.1.1. Tobacco Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,301	1,301
(19) Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine		
D.1.1. Tobacco Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,189	1,189
(20) University of Houston College of Medicine		
E.1.1. Tobacco Permanent Health Fund, estimated	1,100	1,100
(b) Informational Listing - Permanent Funds and Endowments. The following is an informational list of the amounts used to capitalize Permanent Funds and Endowments created by House Bill 1676 and 1945, Seventy-sixth Legislature and by Senate Bill 126, Seventy-seventh Legislature, and does not make appropriations:		
(1) Permanent Health Fund for Higher Education, Fund No. 810		\$350,000,000
(2) Permanent Fund for Children and Public Health, Fund No. 5045		100,000,000
(3) Permanent Fund for Health and Tobacco Education and Enforcement, Fund No. 5044		200,000,000

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(4)	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Endowment, Fund No. 811	200,000,000
(5)	Permanent Fund for Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care, Fund No. 5046	100,000,000
(6)	Permanent Fund for Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement (Rural Hospital Infrastructure), Fund No. 5047	50,000,000
(7)	The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Endowment, Fund No. 812	100,000,000
(8)	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Endowment (El Paso), Fund No. 820	25,000,000
(9)	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Endowment, Fund No. 813	50,000,000
(10)	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Endowment (Other than El Paso), Fund No. 821	25,000,000
(11)	The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Endowment, Fund No. 814	25,000,000
(12)	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Endowment, Fund No. 815	25,000,000
(13)	The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler Endowment, Fund No. 816	25,000,000
(14)	Texas A&M University System Health Science Center Endowment, Fund No. 818	25,000,000
(15)	University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth Endowment, Fund No. 819	25,000,000
(16)	Permanent Endowment Fund for University of Texas Regional Academic Health Center, Fund No. 822	20,000,000
(17)	The University of Texas at El Paso Endowment, Fund No. 817	25,000,000
(18)	Baylor College of Medicine, Fund No. 823	25,000,000
(19)	Permanent Fund for Higher Education Nursing, Allied Health and Other Health-related Programs, Fund No. 824	45,000,000
(20)	Permanent Fund for Minority Health Research and Education, Fund No. 825	25,000,000
(21)	Permanent Hospital Fund for Capital Improvements and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease, Fund No. 5048	25,000,000
(22)	Permanent Endowment Fund for the Rural Communities Healthcare Investment Program, Fund No. 364	2,500,000

**Sec. 10.04. Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Coordinated Expenditures.**

- (a) **Informational Listing - Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services Appropriations.**  
The following is an informational listing of appropriations for behavioral health services made elsewhere in this Act.

Behavioral health services are programs or services directly or indirectly related to the research, prevention, or detection of mental disorders and disabilities, and all services necessary to treat, care for, control, supervise, and rehabilitate persons who have a mental disorder or disability, including persons whose mental disorders or disabilities result from alcoholism or drug addiction. Certain non-behavioral health-related costs which could not be disaggregated from other healthcare costs are also included in the listing below.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Article I</b>		
Trusted Programs, Office of the Governor	\$61,488,393	\$61,488,393
Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Veterans Commission	\$9,740,162	\$9,693,662
<b>Article II</b>		
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$43,459,639	\$43,459,639
Department of State Health Services	\$4,057,215	\$4,061,696
Health and Human Services Commission	\$2,472,067,743	\$2,553,888,058
Texas Civil Commitment Office	\$154,611	\$154,611

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### Article III

Texas Education Agency	\$5,111,722	\$2,500,000
Texas School for the Deaf	\$88,200	\$88,200
University of Texas - Health Science Center Houston	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center San Antonio	\$9,100,000	\$9,100,000
University of Texas - Health Science Center Tyler	\$6,730,000	\$6,730,000
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	\$144,972,883	\$144,972,881
Public Community/Junior Colleges	\$954,560	\$956,151

### Article IV

Supreme Court of Texas	\$1,403,000	\$1,403,000
Court of Criminal Appeals	\$568,500	\$568,500
Office of Court Administration	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

### Article V

Commission on Jail Standards	\$75,000	\$75,000
Department of Criminal Justice	\$329,850,795	\$328,903,596
Juvenile Justice Department	\$106,088,721	\$105,088,721
Military Department	\$4,148,317	\$4,148,317
Commission on Law Enforcement	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000

### Article VI

Department of Agriculture	\$500,000	\$500,000
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### Article VIII

State Board of Dental Examiners	\$172,312	\$172,321
Board of Pharmacy	\$6,332,574	\$6,257,574
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	\$85,500	\$85,500
Optometry Board	\$47,000	\$47,000
Board of Nursing	\$1,005,458	\$1,005,458
Medical Board	\$858,726	\$877,991

<b>Total</b>	\$3,225,761,031	\$3,302,926,269
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### Method of Financing

General Revenue	\$2,701,996,059	\$2,782,102,194
General Revenue - Dedicated	\$34,280,401	\$31,617,563
Federal Funds	\$452,865,080	\$452,530,562
Other Funds	\$36,619,491	\$36,675,950

<b>Subtotal</b>	\$3,225,761,031	\$3,302,926,269
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Estimated Medicaid Expenditures (All Funds)	\$1,774,549,069	\$1,805,494,097
Estimated CHIP Expenditures (All Funds)	\$24,074,452	\$24,016,043

<b>Total</b>	\$5,024,384,552	\$5,132,436,409
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Medicaid and CHIP amounts in this table reflect estimated expenditures and may not align with the appropriations made elsewhere in this Act for Medicaid and CHIP.

- (b) **Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council.** Each agency identified in Subsection (a), with the exception of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Article VIII agencies, shall designate an individual to serve as a member of the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council (the coordinating council), established by 2016-17 General

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Appropriations Act (GAA), Article IX, Section 10.04(b), Eighty-fourth Legislature, 2015, and may use monies appropriated by this Act to support the coordinating council. In addition to the agencies identified in Subsection (a), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, the Texas Workforce Commission, and the Texas Education Agency shall each designate an individual to serve as a representative on the coordinating council. The Texas Mental Health Care Consortium shall designate an individual to serve as a representative on the coordinating council. Any other state agency or institution that receives funding in this Act and provides specific behavioral health services may participate in the meetings and discussions of the coordinating council. The Mental Health Statewide Coordinator at the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall serve as chair of the coordinating council. The coordinating council shall meet at least once quarterly during fiscal years 2026 and 2027, or more frequently if determined necessary by the Mental Health Statewide Coordinator at HHSC.

HHSC shall require certain community collaboratives that receive state grant funding to present twice annually on the impact each collaborative has had on project implementation and mental health outcomes on the population served by the grant funding. These community collaboratives shall include community collaboratives as described by Government Code, Chapter 547A, Community Collaboratives; community recipients of a grant for veterans' mental health pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 547, Subchapter G, Matching Grant Program for Community Mental Health Programs Assisting Veterans and Their Families; recipients of a grant through the Mental Health Grant Program for Justice-Involved Individuals; and recipients of a grant through the Community Mental Health Grant Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that these presentations serve as an opportunity to increase collaboration for the effective expenditure of behavioral health monies between state and local entities. No provision of this Act may be construed as granting the coordinating council authority over local projects implemented by the collaboratives listed above.

- (c) **Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan.** The purpose of the coordinating council shall be to implement the five-year Texas Statewide Behavioral Health Strategic Plan most recently published on November 3, 2022, and originally published May 1, 2016, (the strategic plan) per 2016-17 GAA, Article IX, Section 10.04(b), Eighty-fourth Legislature, 2015. The coordinating council shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board including the progress of the strategic plan's implementation no later than December 1 of each year of the biennium. The report shall include the coordinating council's agency participation and how the strategic plan's implementation serves to coordinate programs and services to eliminate redundancy; utilize best practices in contracting standards; perpetuate identified successful models for mental health and substance abuse treatment; ensure optimal service delivery; and identify and collect comparable data on results and effectiveness. The coordinating council shall annually update the inventory of behavioral health programs and services. The inventory shall describe how the identified programs, services, initiatives, and expenditures further the goals of the strategic plan. HHSC shall make available the five-year strategic plan update and the inventory of programs on HHSC's website no later than December 1 of each year.

The coordinating council shall also collaborate with the Board of Pharmacy and the Medical Board to create a sub-plan related to substance abuse. The sub-plan shall include challenges of existing prevention, intervention, and treatment programs; evaluation of substance use disorder prevalence; service ability; gaps in current services; and strategies for working with state agencies to expand treatment capacity.

- (d) **Coordination of Behavioral Health Expenditures.** The coordinating council shall submit to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC for approval a coordinated statewide expenditure proposal for each agency, which shall include the appropriation amounts identified in Subsection (a). The expenditure proposal shall describe how the identified appropriations at each agency or institution would be spent in accordance with and to further the goals of the approved strategic plan. HHSC shall submit the coordinated statewide behavioral health expenditure proposal to the Legislative Budget Board by September 1, 2025, for fiscal year 2026, and by July 1, 2026, for fiscal year 2027. The strategic plan shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval by November 1, 2025, for fiscal year 2026, or by September 1, 2026, for fiscal year 2027.

Notwithstanding any other appropriation authority granted by this Act, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not allow the expenditure of General Revenue-Related monies identified in Subsection (a) by a particular agency if the Legislative Budget Board provides

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notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the agency's expenditure proposal has not satisfied the requirements of this provision. If fiscal year 2026 or fiscal year 2027 General Revenue-Related monies are used to provide services required by federal law, are related to court-ordered treatment, or are required as the result of administrative proceedings, the funding for these services shall still be included in the proposal, but these monies shall not be contingent upon approval.

The coordinated expenditure proposal shall be developed in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board, and shall, at a minimum, include expenditures related to each program identified in the program inventory required by Subsection (c), identified by fund type. Behavioral health-related Medicaid expenditures shall also be included as a separate line item for each agency.

- (e) **Report on Review of Exceptional Item Requests.** No later than January 15, 2027, the coordinating council shall submit to the Executive Commissioner of HHSC and the Legislative Budget Board a report regarding the coordinating council's thorough review and complete vetting of all behavioral health exceptional item requests submitted with each agency's legislative appropriation request.
- (f) **Report on Suicide and Suicide Prevention.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to HHSC, the coordinating council shall provide an update to the report on suicide and suicide prevention in Texas required by House Bill 3980, Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019 (Acts 2019, 86th R.S., ch. 1317, General and Special Laws of Texas). The report shall include data and recommendations specific to suicides among veterans and foster youth in the state. The coordinating council may collaborate with the Texas Veterans Commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and other agencies that the coordinating council deems necessary to receive data on veterans or foster youth to help conduct the study. The coordinating council shall submit the updated report to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office not later than September 1, 2026.
- (g) **Children's Mental Health Strategic Plan.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to HHSC, the coordinating council shall develop a strategic plan specific to the behavioral health of children and youth. The plan shall incorporate the full continuum of care needed to support children and families and include:
  - (1) descriptions of who provides what services to which children;
  - (2) strategies to identify and address gaps in care;
  - (3) discussion of workforce shortages;
  - (4) information on funding and reimbursement; and
  - (5) children-specific data and expenditure information.

The plan shall be developed by a subcommittee of the coordinating council made of members including but not limited to the Health and Human Services Commission, the Department of Family and Protective Services, the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice, the Texas Education Agency, the Department of State Health Services, and medical practitioners with expertise and facilities which provide inpatient and outpatient care. The coordinating committee shall submit the plan to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office by December 1, 2026.

### Sec. 10.05. Funding for Autism Services.

- (a) Appropriated elsewhere in this Act for autism services is \$21,073,084 in General Revenue Funds for the 2026-27 biennium, which is allocated to the following agencies for the following purposes:
  - (1) Health and Human Services Commission: General Revenue Funds totaling \$13,663,084 for the biennium for focused Applied Behavior Analysis treatment services. This amount does not include funding provided for autism services within Goal A, Medicaid Client Services.
  - (2) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB): General Revenue Funds totaling \$7,410,000 for the 2026-27 biennium to distribute to autism research centers at institutions of higher education that currently provide evidence-based behavioral services and training, in the amounts and for the purposes as follows:

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- (A) Parent-directed Treatment: \$2,055,000 per fiscal year to serve 750 children per year;
  - (B) Board-certified Behavioral Analyst Training for Teachers/Paraprofessionals: \$950,000 per fiscal year to serve 2,547 children per year. The research centers may contract with educational service centers to provide this training;
  - (C) Research, development, and evaluation of innovative autism treatment models: \$700,000 per fiscal year;
  - (D) Administrative support of the programs in Subsections (a)(2)(A) through (a)(2)(C): \$150,000 per fiscal year may be expended by the THECB;
  - (E) If monies appropriated under Subsections (a)(2)(A), (B) or (C) exceed the monies that can be expended in accordance with the requirements of that subsection, THECB may expend the excess monies on any purpose described in Subsections (a)(2)(A), (B) or (C); and
  - (F) Any unexpended balances on hand at the end of fiscal year 2026 are appropriated for the same purpose for fiscal year 2027.
- (b) THECB shall gather data on the above programs from each institution's autism research center and submit an annual report on the effectiveness of each program, including the number of children served, the number of parents and/or teachers/paraprofessionals trained, and the results of the research on innovative treatment models. The report shall be submitted no later than September 1 of each year to the Legislative Budget Board, Office of the Governor, the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

### Part 11. PROVISIONS RELATED TO REAL PROPERTY

#### Sec. 11.01. Limitation on Use of Monies for Personal Residences.

- (a) Out of appropriations made by this Act, expenditures exceeding an aggregate amount of \$25,000 for the biennium beginning on September 1, 2025, may not be made for purchasing, remodeling, or repairing of any one personal residence or living quarters unless the expenditures:
  - (1) are required by court order;
  - (2) will result in increased safety, significant net cost savings, or prevention of substantial waste; or
  - (3) are specifically identified in a Capital Budget in this Act.
- (b) The Texas Facilities Commission shall report all expenditures of monies appropriated by this Act exceeding an aggregate amount of \$25,000 for the biennium for purchasing, remodeling, or repairing any one personal residence or living quarters to the Legislative Budget Board.

#### Sec. 11.02. Reporting Related to State-Owned Housing.

- (a) Agencies that provide employee housing shall report to the Legislative Budget Board annually:
  - (1) the estimated fair market rental value of housing supplied by the agency; and
  - (2) the amount of revenue (if any) recovered.
- (b) An agency may withhold rent payments from the salary of an agency employee. The Comptroller may adopt rules related to withholding of rent payments from salaries.

#### Sec. 11.03. Statewide Capital Planning.

- (a) An agency or institution of higher education appropriated monies by this Act shall supply to the Bond Review Board capital planning information relating to projects subject to this section and



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financing options for the 2028-29 fiscal biennium in a format and according to guidelines developed by the Bond Review Board. Such information shall include:

- (1) a description of the project or acquisition;
  - (2) the cost of the project;
  - (3) the anticipated useful life of the project;
  - (4) the timing of the capital need;
  - (5) a proposed source of monies (method of financing);
  - (6) a proposed type of financing; and
  - (7) any additional related information requested by the Bond Review Board.
- (b) The Bond Review Board shall compile a statewide capital expenditure plan for the 2028-29 fiscal biennium from the information submitted by agencies and institutions in accordance with the capital planning guidelines. Copies of the guidelines shall be filed with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board no later than December 31, 2025. The Bond Review Board shall file copies of the capital expenditure plan for the period beginning September 1, 2027, with the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board no later than September 1, 2026.
- (c) The statewide capital plan required by this section shall identify the state's capital needs and alternatives to finance these needs. The Bond Review Board shall review input from all state agencies and institutions regarding the agencies' and institutions' current and future capital needs as part of the strategic planning process. The Bond Review Board shall inform the Legislature on the possible budget impact of the capital plan on the state's debt capacity.
- (d) (1) This section applies to each anticipated state project requiring capital expenditures for:
- (A) land acquisition;
  - (B) construction of buildings and other facilities;
  - (C) renovations of buildings and other facilities estimated to exceed \$5 million in the aggregate for a single state agency or institution of higher education; or
  - (D) major information resources projects estimated to exceed \$5 million.
- (2) In this section "major information resources project" means:
- (A) any information resources technology project identified in a state agency's biennial operating plan whose development costs exceed \$5 million and that:
    - (i) requires one year or longer to reach operations status;
    - (ii) involves more than one state agency; or
    - (iii) substantially alters work methods of state agency personnel or the delivery of services to clients;
  - (B) construction of buildings and other facilities;
  - (C) any information resources technology project of a state agency designated for additional monitoring under Government Code, Section 2261.258(a)(1) if the development costs for the project exceed \$5 million.
- (e) The Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Bond Review Board shall eliminate redundant reporting by consolidating this report and the Higher Education Coordinating Board's Master Plan report, to the greatest extent possible.

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### Sec. 11.04. Efficient Use of State-Owned and Leased Space.

- (a) In the event that an agency moves from leased space to state-owned space after the passage of this Act, the Comptroller shall reduce monies appropriated to each affected agency by an amount equal to the lease costs that would have been incurred for the remainder of the biennium had the agency remained in leased space, less the costs the agency incurs for moving and the agency's tenant finish-out expenses as defined by the Texas Facilities Commission. Required moving and tenant finish-out costs incurred by an agency moving from leased space to state-owned space in fiscal year 2025 may be paid from fiscal year 2026 appropriations and costs incurred in fiscal year 2026 may be paid from fiscal year 2027 appropriations as necessary to facilitate the move. The Comptroller shall transfer to the Texas Facilities Commission from the special funds or accounts, including dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts (as those terms are defined by Government Code, Section 403.001), of those agencies that move into a state facility funded from Texas Public Finance Authority revenue bond proceeds each agency's proportional share of the lease payments made for the facility as determined by the Texas Facilities Commission. The Comptroller shall reduce the amounts appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission out of the General Revenue Fund for lease payments in the appropriate article of this Act by an amount equal to the sum of the transfers from the special funds or accounts. The monies so transferred are appropriated to the Texas Facilities Commission for the purposes of making lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority.
- (b) In the event that an agency obtains a lease at a rate lower than existing lease amounts after the passage of the Act, the Comptroller shall reduce monies appropriated to each affected agency by an amount equal to the lease costs that would have been incurred for the remainder of the 2026-27 biennium, as determined by the Comptroller. If obtaining a reduced lease rate requires the agency to move its location, the Comptroller shall reduce the agency's appropriations less costs the agency incurs for moving and the agency's tenant finish-out expenses as defined by the Texas Facilities Commission. Required moving and tenant finish-out costs incurred by an agency moving from leased space in fiscal year 2026 may be paid from fiscal year 2027 appropriations as necessary to facilitate the move.

### Sec. 11.05. State Agency Emergency Leases.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that all emergency leases held by state agencies be eliminated. To ensure better planning on the part of state agencies and response from the Texas Facilities Commission Leasing Division, state agencies are directed to adhere to the provisions of this section.
- (b) A state agency that is in an emergency lease agreement on September 1, 2025, shall have its appropriation in each fiscal year in which it is in the emergency lease agreement reduced by the dollar amount charged to the agency in addition to its base level rent.
- (c) At least one year before an agency's lease expires, an agency must notify the Texas Facilities Commission in writing of its intent to renew its existing lease or relocate its offices.
- (d) If an agency fails to notify the Texas Facilities Commission in writing at least one year prior to a lease expiration and is subsequently forced to initiate an emergency lease agreement, the agency shall have its appropriation in each fiscal year in which it is in an emergency lease agreement reduced by the dollar amount charged to the agency in addition to its base level rent. This Subsection (d) applies in addition to the reduction of Subsection (b).
- (e) If an agency notifies the Texas Facilities Commission in writing one year prior to a lease expiration in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2167, and the Texas Facilities Commission fails to renew/initiate a lease agreement for the agency by the lease expiration date, and an agency is forced to initiate an emergency lease agreement, the Texas Facilities Commission shall have its appropriation reduced in each fiscal year in which the affected agency is in an emergency lease agreement by the dollar amount charged to the agency in addition to the agency's base level rent. If this Subsection (e) applies, then the reduction of Subsection (d) does not apply.
- (f) The Comptroller will make all necessary reductions established in this provision each month of an emergency lease agreement. Monies lapsed by agencies for violation of this provision shall be deposited into the fund in the state Treasury from which they were originally appropriated.

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- (g) The Texas Facilities Commission shall provide quarterly reports to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor:
  - (1) detailing the number of state agencies holding emergency leases; and
  - (2) providing the status on the progress of terminating the emergency lease agreement.
- (h) (1) In addition to the requirements of this section, an emergency lease for a health and human services agency is also governed by Government Code, Section 2167.004.
- (2) In this section, "health and human services agency" includes the Health and Human Services Commission and the agencies named under Government Code, Section 521.0001(5).

**Sec. 11.06. Efficient Use of State Property to House State Facilities.** In accordance with Government Code, Section 2167.002, prior to leasing privately owned space, state agencies, or the Texas Facilities Commission on behalf of state agencies, shall identify and prioritize state-owned property with available capacity for relocation, upon expiration of a current lease, or when opening new locations. Agencies shall consider all reasonably available state-owned space and prioritize utilizing state-owned property if cost effective and consistent with the designated use of the property.

## Part 12. PROVISIONS RELATED TO PROPERTY

### Sec. 12.01. Aircraft.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the purchase of aircraft may not be made from appropriated monies except as authorized in this section.
- (b) Agencies authorized to expend appropriated monies for the maintenance and operation of state-owned aircraft or replacements authorized by Subsection (d) are:
  - (1) Texas A&M University System;
  - (2) Texas Department of Criminal Justice;
  - (3) Texas Department of Transportation;
  - (4) Parks and Wildlife Department;
  - (5) Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;
  - (6) University of Texas System;
  - (7) Texas State Technical College;
  - (8) Texas Forest Service; and
  - (9) Texas State University System.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, all state-owned aircraft (including aircraft forfeited to or seized by a particular agency) are subject to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation.
- (d) Expenditure of appropriated monies for replacement of aircraft with aircraft of comparable quality may be made contingent upon approval of the Texas Department of Transportation and a finding of fact by the Governor that a report has been filed with the Governor showing that:
  - (1) the aircraft to be replaced has been destroyed or has deteriorated to an extent that continued operation presents a serious hazard or that the aircraft to be replaced can no longer meet the mission requirements of the principal user state agency; and
  - (2) other state-owned aircraft cannot be effectively utilized in lieu of a replacement aircraft.

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- (e) Expenditures necessary to purchase liability insurance pursuant to Government Code, Section 2205.045(a), shall be made on a pro rata basis, as determined by the Texas Department of Transportation, from appropriations authorized to each agency operating a state-owned aircraft. The Comptroller shall transfer such necessary amounts from agencies operating aircraft to the Texas Department of Transportation for the purchase of liability insurance and expenditure of such monies by the Texas Department of Transportation is authorized.
- (f) Any reimbursements received by a state agency for authorized aircraft services rendered to another state agency are appropriated to the agency receiving the reimbursements and shall be credited to the agency's appropriation item from which the cost of aircraft operation is paid.
- (g) In this section the term "aircraft" has a meaning consistent with the rules adopted by the Comptroller.

### **Sec. 12.02. Publication or Sale of Printed, Recorded, or Electronically Produced Matter or Records.**

- (a) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be used for the publication, recording, production, or distribution of any item or matter, including lists, notices, pamphlets, video recordings, audio recordings, microfiche, films, or other electronically produced information or records unless such publication, recording, or production is:
  - (1) essential to accomplish or achieve a strategy or outcome target established by this Act; or
  - (2) required by law.
- (b) Any monies received and collected from any charges specifically authorized by statute for the productions, publications, or records are appropriated to the agency issuing the productions, publications, or records for use during the year in which the receipts are collected. The Comptroller shall credit such receipts to the like appropriation item from which the original costs are paid.

**Sec. 12.03. Limitation on Expenditures for Purchases and Conversions of Alternative Fuel Vehicles.** A state agency, including an institution of higher education, that is required to meet the percentage requirements for vehicles capable of using alternative fuels under Government Code, Chapter 2158, may expend monies appropriated by this Act for the purpose of meeting the percentage requirements only if the agency purchases or converts a vehicle that uses the most cost-effective, fuel efficient, and mechanically efficient alternative fuel source.

### **Sec. 12.04. Transfer of Master Lease Purchase Program Payments.**

- (a) The Texas Public Finance Authority may transfer each agency's share of administrative fees and lease payments pursuant to the Master Lease Purchase Program from each agency's appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority Master Lease Purchase Program cost of issuance funds and the State Lease Fund Account, respectively. Transfers for administrative fees and lease payments may not be made earlier than 15 calendar days prior to the date that debt service payment is required. The Texas Public Finance Authority may transfer monies necessary for Master Lease Purchase Program debt service payments from the State Lease Fund Account to the Texas Public Finance Authority Master Lease Purchase Program interest and sinking funds.
- (b) The Comptroller shall assist the Texas Public Finance Authority in the transfer of lease payments. State agencies participating in the Master Lease Purchase Program shall cooperate in the timely transfer of lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority. The absence of specific Master Lease payment appropriations, identified in an agency's capital budget, does not release an agency from lease payment obligations.

**Sec. 12.05. Vehicle Fleet Maintenance and Repair.** State agencies and institutions of higher education should use the most cost effective means available to maintain and repair state vehicles, including entering into interagency agreements for services with agencies or institutions of higher education which operate vehicle maintenance shops when feasible. This does not prohibit state agencies or institutions of higher education from receiving services from private vehicle maintenance shops when necessary.

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Any such interagency agreement for vehicle maintenance and repair services shall include interagency transfers of monies in an amount to offset any increased costs state-owned maintenance shops may incur from the increased number of vehicles serviced and shall not restrict the ability of state agencies or institutions of higher education from selecting alternatives for vehicle maintenance and repair services, unless restricted by other law.

**Sec. 12.06. Agency's Participation in Master Lease Purchase Program.** It is the intent of the Legislature that all agencies participate in the Master Lease Purchase Program to the extent that the Master Lease Purchase Program would be the most cost-effective type of financing when using a lease purchase method for acquisition of capital assets.

### Part 13. FEDERAL FUNDS

**Sec. 13.01. Federal Funds/Block Grants.** Monies received from the United States government by a state agency or institution named in this Act are appropriated to the agency or institution for the purposes for which the federal grant, allocation, aid, payment, or reimbursement was made subject to the provisions of this Act.

**Sec. 13.02. Report of Additional Funding.**

- (a) Upon receipt or notice of future receipt of any monies appropriated for the biennium under Section 13.01 of this article in an amount in excess of \$10 million greater than the amount for which an agency or institution was appropriated federal funds for the same purpose in this Act, each agency or institution shall request approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor to expend the monies. The agency or institution shall also provide notice of the receipt to the Comptroller. Both the request and the notification shall specify the amount of federal funds received and the proposed use of the monies.
- (b) If after the thirtieth business day after the approval request is submitted by the agency or institution neither the Legislative Budget Board nor the Governor issue a written disapproval, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall release the monies.
- (c) Notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (b), for monies received because of a disaster proclaimed by the Governor under Government Code, Chapter 418, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall immediately release monies which have been appropriated to an agency or institution pursuant to Section 13.01 of this article. An agency or institution receiving monies under this subsection shall provide notice of the receipt to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor which specifies the amount of federal funds received and the proposed use of the monies.
- (d) Agencies and institutions shall report their operational capacity for expanded federal programs, except Medicaid, to the Legislative Budget Board if either of the following conditions is met:
  - (1) an existing federal program that previously granted an agency or institution \$10 million or more per year increases its grant by at least 100 percent; or
  - (2) a new federal program grants at least \$100 million to a state agency or institution.
- (e) Reports submitted under Subsection (d) shall:
  - (1) include goals, resources, timeframes, and issues critical to program execution;
  - (2) be submitted within 90 days of the date the agency or institution receives a notice of grant award;
  - (3) be prepared in a format specified by the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 13.03. Reports to Comptroller.** It is the intent of the Legislature that in the event one or more state agencies are awarded by the United States government a combined amount greater than \$1 billion in federal stimulus funds or other one-time allocations appropriated through legislation separate from the annual federal appropriations bills, the Comptroller shall set state reporting standards and time lines, including performance benchmarks, for all affected agencies, including institutions of higher education, that align with any related federal reporting requirements. The Comptroller may recover the cost of this activity pursuant to authority in Government Code, Chapter 771.

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**Sec. 13.04. Deposit and Expenditure Limitations.** Except for an institution of higher education, federal funds:

- (1) including unexpended balances, shall be deposited to and expended from the specific appropriation item identified in this Act; and
- (2) may not be expended for a strategy or function other than a strategy or function that has been reviewed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature and authorized by specific language in this Act or encompassed by an agency's budget structure as established by this Act.

**Sec. 13.05. Reimbursements from Federal Funds.** As applicable, federal reimbursements received for expenditures previously made or services performed on behalf of federal programs from state monies shall be credited by the Comptroller to the fund from which the expenditure was originally made. The credit shall be to the agency's current appropriation item or accounts from which the expenditures of like character were originally made and are appropriated. Reimbursements received from employee benefits paid from General Revenue Fund appropriations of other administering agencies shall be deposited to the unappropriated General Revenue Fund.

**Sec. 13.06. Limitations on Classified Positions.**

- (a) A classified position created for administration of federal grant programs shall be phased out upon discontinuance of the federal grant for which it was authorized.
- (b) Agencies subject to Government Code, Chapter 654, will make federal grant employment in accordance with the provisions of that Act in positions listed in, or otherwise authorized by this article.

**Sec. 13.07. Funding Reductions.** In the event that federal programs that authorize federal funds included in this Act are eliminated, consolidated, or replaced with new federal programs and funding authorization or block grants, or the federal funds appropriated to agencies are reduced, any reduction or reallocation of federal funds will be distributed across affected agencies and programs to pattern the strategies and programs included in this Act to the extent possible without restricting the state's ability to receive federal funds, in accordance with a plan adopted by the designated single state agency or otherwise by each affected agency. An agency shall provide a copy of the plan to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor.

**Sec. 13.08. Unexpended Balances.** Except as provided by Section 13.09 of this article, any unexpended balances of federal funds existing at the beginning of this biennium or at the end of a fiscal year of this biennium are appropriated for use during this biennium for the original purposes of the appropriation.

**Sec. 13.09. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), or Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG).**

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 13.01, agencies appropriated Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Social Services Block Grant (SSBG), or Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) federal funds elsewhere in this Act may expend any balances of TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG federal funds that are unobligated and unexpended at the beginning of this biennium from an appropriation made during the previous biennium or any additional TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG federal grants. In addition, the TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG federal funds appropriated elsewhere in this Act and/or the balance of all available TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG federal funds may be transferred as appropriate by the single state agency for TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG, respectively.
- (b) No expenditures under this section may be made without prior approval by the Legislative Budget Board and Governor as provided by Subsection (c).
- (c) (1) To request approval to expend monies under Subsection (b), the agency or single state agency shall submit a written request to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor. At the same time, the agency or single state agency shall provide a copy of the request to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The request shall include the amount of unexpended balance or additional federal grants of TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG funds; a detailed explanation of the purpose and use of the monies; and an estimate of the impact on performance measures and capital budgets. If the purpose for the unexpended balance

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differs from the original purpose, the request shall include the names of the originating and receiving strategies for the monies. Additional information requested by the Legislative Budget Board or the Governor shall be provided in a timely manner.

- (2) The request is approved if neither the Legislative Budget Board nor the Governor issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to expend the monies and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.
- (d) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall not authorize the expenditure of unexpended balances or additional TANF, SSBG, or CCDBG federal funds if the Legislative Budget Board provides notification to the Comptroller of Public Accounts that the requirements of this provision have not been satisfied.

**Sec. 13.10. Definition, Appropriation, Reporting and Audit of Earned Federal Funds.**

- (a) **Definition.** Earned Federal Funds (EFF) are defined as all monies received in connection with each entitlement period of a federally funded contract, grant or program, excluding reimbursements under Section 13.05 of this article which are not required by the governing agreement to be distributed thereon. Typically, EFF arise from recoveries of costs previously paid from a nonfederal fund source, indirect cost allocations, interest earned on federal funds, and minor sources such as the sale of fixed assets purchased with federal funds. These earned federal funds are received in connection with a federally funded program but are not required by the governing agreement to be distributed on that program. For state accounting purposes, EFF are defined as revenues collected from federal receipts and deposited into the state General Revenue Fund as Comptroller revenue object codes 3602, 3702, 3726, 3745, 3750, 3773, 3851, and 3971.
- (b) **Collected Revenue.** General Revenue in the amounts specified by year below is appropriated in agency bill patterns elsewhere in this Act and is contingent on collection of EFF revenues by the following agencies:

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Article I: General Government</b>		
Attorney General	\$ 16,362,391	\$ 16,385,950
Trusted Programs of the Governor	2,500,000	2,500,000
Library & Archives Commission	110,630	110,630
Veterans Commission	2,468,986	2,468,986
<b>Article II: Health and Human Services</b>		
Dept. of Family and Protective Services	\$ 185,751	\$ 176,463
Department of State Health Services	1,443,914	1,443,914
Health and Human Services Commission	14,189,780	14,189,780
<b>Article III: Education</b>		
Texas Education Agency	\$ 6,253,143	\$ 3,253,143
<b>Article V: Public Safety and Criminal Justice</b>		
Texas Military Department	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Juvenile Justice Department	20,000	20,000
<b>Article VI: Natural Resources</b>		
Department of Agriculture	\$ 7,138,557	\$ 7,138,557
General Land Office	2,093,580	2,093,580
Animal Health Commission	303,459	303,459
Commission on Environmental Quality	5,200,000	5,200,000
Parks and Wildlife Commission	225,000	225,000
Railroad Commission	2,200,000	2,200,000
Water Development Board	109,313	109,313
<b>Article VII: Business and Economic Development</b>		
Housing and Community Affairs	\$ 2,387,017	\$ 2,395,311
Workforce Commission	139,646	139,646
<b>Article VIII: Regulatory</b>		
Department of Insurance	\$ 273,056	\$ 273,056
<b>General Revenue in Lieu of Earned Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$ 63,704,223</b>	<b>\$ 60,726,788</b>

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- (c) **Reporting and Appropriation.** On a quarterly basis, the Comptroller shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and Governor of the EFF amounts deposited by agency. If an agency specified above collects and deposits more EFF than identified above in fiscal year 2026, the agency is appropriated the additional amounts subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) At least 30 days prior to budgeting or expending the EFF above the 2026 level above, the agency shall report the anticipated amounts and proposed use of these monies to the Legislative Budget Board.
  - (2) Notification shall include information regarding the need that will be served with the additional revenue.
  - (3) Notification shall also identify the impact on established performance targets, measures, capital budget authority, and full-time-equivalent positions.
- (d) **Reporting and Appropriation.** Subsection (c) authority and requirements shall also apply to fiscal year 2027.
- (e) **No Unexpended Balance Authority from Fiscal Year 2025 for Agencies.** The amounts of General Revenue above for all listed agencies exclude any unexpended balances of EFF that remain on August 31, 2025. It is assumed that any remaining balances of EFF on August 31, 2025, lapse to the General Revenue Fund.
- (f) **Unexpended Balance Authority Between Years of the 2026-27 Biennium.** Any EFF balances in excess of the amounts identified in Subsection (b) or any balance remaining from the amounts identified in Subsection (b) on August 31, 2026, may be carried forward into fiscal year 2027.
- (g) **Benefits Proportional.** Revenues collected as EFF as authorized and generated by each of the agencies above cover, at a minimum, the cost of the General Revenue appropriations specified above and any associated employee benefits.
- (h) **Federal Monies Collected for Post-retirement Health Care.** Federal monies collected for post-retirement health care costs shall be deposited as unappropriated general revenue and are not eligible for appropriation by this provision.
- (i) **Amounts Contingent on Collection.** The yearly amounts by agency identified above are contingent on collection. If actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the appropriations identified in this provision, the Comptroller shall reduce the General Revenue appropriations provided by this Act to be within the amount of EFF collections expected to be available.
- (j) **Contingency Appropriation for Additional Agencies.** If an agency not identified above enters into an agreement with a federal agency which results in the receipt of EFF which are a new source of collections not anticipated for fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the affected agency shall furnish documentation of the new revenue to the Comptroller. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the revenue stream as a new collection, a finding of fact shall be issued and the additional EFF collections are appropriated subject to the notification requirements in Subsections (c) and (d).
- (k) **Audit.** The depositing and classification practices of EFF by agencies referenced above shall be subject to audit by the State Auditor's Office.

## Part 14. AGENCY DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER PROVISIONS

### Sec. 14.01. Appropriation Transfers.

- (a) Subject to any specific restriction in another provision of this Act and in deference to Section 14.04, an appropriation contained in this Act may be transferred from one appropriation item to another appropriation item in an amount not to exceed 20 percent of the appropriation item from which the transfer is made for the fiscal year, at the discretion of the chief administrative officer of the state agency.



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- (b) After obtaining the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, a state agency may exceed the 20 percent discretionary transfer authority provided to the chief administrative officer of the state agency under Subsection (a).
- (c) A request for approval to exceed the 20 percent discretionary transfer authority provided to the chief administrative officer of the state agency under Subsection (a) must be submitted by the agency's governing board (if the agency has a governing board) or by the chief administrative officer (if the agency does not have a governing board or the governing board has not met) and must include at a minimum:
  - (1) the date on which the governing board (if applicable) approved the request;
  - (2) a statement justifying the need to exceed the transfer limitation;
  - (3) the source of monies to be used to make the transfer; and
  - (4) an explanation as to why such transfer cannot be deferred.
- (d)
  - (1) Monies appropriated by this Act in items of appropriation that are part of a "Goal" for "Indirect Administrative and Support Costs" or "Indirect Administration" may also be transferred from one appropriation item to another appropriation item within that same goal without limitation as to the amount of such a transfer.
  - (2) Monies appropriated by this Act in items of appropriation that are part of a "Goal" for "Indirect Administration" or "Indirect Administrative and Support Costs" may not be increased by transfer from an appropriation item from another Goal without the prior written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board.
- (e) Appropriations made by this Act to each state agency are not subject to transfer between fiscal years nor between agencies except under the provisions of interagency contract, budget execution statutes, or specific rider or statutory authorization.

**Sec. 14.02. Transfers for Contract Services.** Monies appropriated in the various articles of this Act for Retirement and Group Insurance and for Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay may be transferred between articles for similar appropriation items for the purpose of paying employee benefits costs incurred by higher education institutions when those institutions have contracted to provide services to state agencies.

### **Sec. 14.03. Transfers - Capital Budget.**

- (a) Contained in appropriations made to certain agencies by this Act are amounts identified as the "capital budget." In this Act "capital budget" includes expenditures for assets with a biennial project cost or unit cost in excess of:
  - (1) \$500,000 within the following categories:
    - (A) acquisition of land and other real property, except for right-of-way purchases made by the Texas Department of Transportation;
    - (B) construction of buildings and facilities;
    - (C) repairs or rehabilitation of buildings and facilities;
    - (D) construction of roads, except for such expenditures made by the Texas Department of Transportation;
    - (E) acquisition of information resource technologies, including for purchase or contract for computer time, facility resources, maintenance, and training;
    - (F) transportation items;
    - (G) acquisition of equipment and similar items with an estimated life of greater than one year;

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- (H) lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP), for items acquired prior to September 1, 2025, only;
  - (I) cybersecurity projects; or
  - (J) information resource technology legacy modernization; and
- (2) \$100,000 for data center services and shared technology services. “Data center services” and “shared technology services” for the purposes of this section are defined as services provided by the Department of Information Resources in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 2054, including software licensing services, application services, security services, and public and private cloud services.
- (b) Any expenditure directly related to acquisition of a capital budget asset or to placing a capital budget asset in service may be paid from the appropriation made to the “capital budget.”
- (c) Except as provided under this section or as explicitly stated otherwise in this Act, none of the monies appropriated by this Act in excess of amounts restricted to capital budget purposes may be expended for capital budget purposes without the prior written approval of the Governor and Legislative Budget Board.
- (d) (1) The restrictions, limitations, reporting, and approval requirements of this section do not apply to:
- (A) a change in the method of finance which might result as a part of a transfer transaction involving a capital budget item, provided that the transfer transaction otherwise complies with the requirements of this section and the other provisions of this Act;
  - (B) expenditures for capital outlay items or projects that are not included in the definition of “capital budget” under Subsection (a);
  - (C) expenditures for capital budget purposes made by an institution of higher education as defined by Education Code, Section 61.003(8) or other agency of higher education as defined by Education Code, Section 61.003(6); or
  - (D) a transfer related to a disaster made under Section 14.04.
- (2) Without regard to the 25 percent limit of Subsection (f), an agency may transfer appropriations into data center services or shared technology services.
- (e) When in compliance with the 25 percent transfer allowances of Subsection (f) and subject to any specific restriction in another provision of this Act, an agency may transfer appropriations:
- (1) from a non-capital budget item to a capital budget item;
  - (2) from a capital budget item to another capital budget item; or
  - (3) from a capital budget item to an additional capital budget item not presented in the agency's bill pattern.
- (f) Without the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, during each fiscal year an agency may transfer amounts as provided by Subsection (e) if the amounts transferred do not exceed 25 percent of either:
- (1) the amount of the capital budget item, as presented in the agency's bill pattern, from which monies are being transferred; or
  - (2) the amount of the capital budget item, if presented in the agency's bill pattern, to which monies are being transferred.
- (g) Without regard to amount, without the written approval of the Governor and the Legislative Budget Board, appropriations may not be transferred:

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- (1) to an additional capital budget item that is not presented in the agency's bill pattern if that additional capital budget item was presented to a committee, subcommittee, or working group of the Eighty-ninth Legislature but was not adopted by the Eighty-ninth Legislature;
  - (2) for an agency that does not have a capital budget provision following its items of appropriation in this Act, from a non-capital budget item for the creation of a capital budget item;
  - (3) from a capital budget item to a non-capital budget item; or
  - (4) directly from a non-capital budget item to an additional capital budget item not presented in the agency's bill pattern.
- (h) A request for an exception to the restriction of Subsection (c), other than a transfer allowed under Subsections (d), (e), or (f), must be submitted by the agency's governing board (if the agency has a governing board) or by the chief administrative officer of the agency (if the agency has no governing board or the governing board has not met) and must include at a minimum:
- (1) the date on which the governing board (if applicable) approved the request;
  - (2) a statement justifying the exception;
  - (3) the source of monies to be used to make the purchases; and
  - (4) an explanation as to why such expenditures cannot be deferred.
- (i) In implementing this section, the Comptroller should refer to the detailed instructions for preparing and submitting requests for legislative appropriations for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025, the definitions included in those detailed instructions, and the official request for legislative appropriations submitted by the affected agency.
- (j) An agency may transfer appropriations from data center services or shared technology services as provided by Government Code, Section 2054.386 after obtaining the written approval of the Legislative Budget Board. An agency may request to transfer appropriations from data center services or shared technology services into another capital budget appropriation to procure Information Technology Staff Augmentation Contract services provided by the Department of Information Resources. 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 day. An agency must report, in a manner prescribed by the Legislative Budget Board, all transfers out of data center services or shared technology services to the Legislative Budget Board on a quarterly basis.
- (k) To provide for unanticipated shortages in appropriations made by this Act for fiscal year 2026 for the payment of data center services costs or shared technology services, amounts identified elsewhere in this Act in fiscal year 2027 as appropriated for data center services or shared technology services may be transferred to fiscal year 2026 to pay for data center services costs or shared technology services.
- (l) Unexpended balances remaining in appropriations made by this Act for capital budget purposes for use during the first year of the biennium are appropriated for use during the second year of the biennium for the same purpose.
- (m) The Legislative Budget Board may direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts to reduce monies appropriated by this Act to a state agency for capital budget purposes.

### Sec. 14.031. Energy and Water Conservation.

- (a) Notwithstanding limitations on capital expenditures provided elsewhere, appropriations made by this Act that may be used for the payment of utility bills may be used to pay for energy and water conservation-related projects, including lease payments under the state's Master Lease Purchase Program, if the projects comply with energy and water conservation statutes.

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- (b) Capital expenditures for items that could be financed through the utility savings made possible by a comprehensive energy and water conservation contract authorized by Government Code, Section 2166.406, are prohibited unless part of a comprehensive energy or water conservation contract authorized by Government Code, Section 2166.406.
- (c) Before authorizing expenditures for capital items that consume energy or water or that are related to the energy or water consumption of an agency's facilities, the Comptroller must verify that the items could not be part of a cost-effective contract for energy and water conservation measures authorized by Government Code, Section 2166.406.

**Sec. 14.032. Transfers to Master Lease Purchase Program.** Appropriations restricted to capital budget purposes and not identified in a “capital budget” as being for lease payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program (MLPP) or for other lease-purchase payments may be utilized to make lease payments under MLPP or for other lease or installment payments only if the agency to which the appropriation is made provides a report to the Comptroller specifying the sum of the lease payments to be made during the biennium for the capital budget item being acquired. The Comptroller shall reduce the appropriation made by this Act for the capital budget item in an amount equal to the difference between the appropriated amount and the sum of the lease payments for the biennium and deposit that amount into the unappropriated balance of the original funding source. If the Comptroller cannot determine the amount appropriated for a specific capital budget item, the amount shall be determined by the Legislative Budget Board.

**Sec. 14.04. Disaster Related Transfer Authority.**

- (a) Policy and Procedure. In the event of a disaster proclamation by the Governor under Government Code, Chapter 418, transfers of appropriations made in this Act, if necessary to respond to the disaster and if made according to the terms of this section, are permitted. This section is intended to serve as a means for quickly, effectively, and efficiently transferring appropriations in the event of a disaster. This section provides an exception to any other provision of this Act which might otherwise limit transfers of appropriations such as by imposing a limit on the amount of a transfer or which might otherwise limit transfers of appropriations by causing a delay in making a transfer because of the need to take actions such as preparing reports or obtaining approvals prior to transferring appropriations necessary for responding to a disaster. No part of this section shall be read to limit, modify, or abridge the authority of the Governor to proclaim an emergency, disaster, or martial law or exercise any other powers vested in the Governor under the Texas Constitution or other laws of this state.
- (b) Health and Human Services Agencies. For a health and human services agency appropriated monies under Article II of this Act that directly responds to the disaster the Commissioner of Health and Human Services may transfer monies from another health and human services agency appropriated monies under Article II of this Act to the responding agency and may transfer monies between the strategies or capital budget items of each agency for the purpose of funding the disaster response subject to the prior notification of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor as provided by Subsection (g).
- (c) Other Agencies. An agency, other than a health and human services agency appropriated monies under Article II of this Act, that directly responds to a disaster may transfer appropriations within the agency, without regard to any limits on transfer of appropriations between strategies or capital budget items, subject to the prior notification of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor as provided by Subsection (g).
- (d) Transfers Between Agencies. If a transfer involving at least one agency not appropriated monies under Article II of this Act is necessary to respond to a disaster, the agencies involved in the transfer shall request approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor for the emergency transfer of monies, pursuant to Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 69. Any request under this subsection shall include the same information required in the recommended plan of transfer below and a copy shall be provided to the Comptroller. A request made under this subsection is subject to the prior notification of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor as provided by Subsection (g).
- (e) Appropriation Transfers between Fiscal Years. Agencies responding to a disaster may transfer monies appropriated in fiscal year 2027 to fiscal year 2026, subject to the prior notification of the Legislative Budget Board and Governor as provided by Subsection (g).

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- (f) Unexpended Balances. Any unobligated balances from transfers made under Subsection (e) as of August 31, 2026, are appropriated to the agency for the same purpose for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- (g) Notification of Recommended Plan of Transfer.
  - (1) Recommended Plan of Transfer. A recommended plan of transfer submitted by an agency to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board under this section must include the following information:
    - (A) a copy of the appropriate disaster proclamation made under Government Code, Chapter 418;
    - (B) the amounts to be transferred (listed by method of finance);
    - (C) the agency or agencies affected;
    - (D) the programs affected by the transfer; and
    - (E) any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Board.
  - (2) Notification. An agency must notify the Legislative Budget Board, the Comptroller, the Governor, and any other agency involved in the transfer prior to the date of recommended transfers. The Comptroller shall transfer the monies as recommended.

**Sec. 14.05. Unexpended Balance Authority Between Fiscal Years within the Same Biennium.** An agency may transfer any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026, if the agency has been granted, either:

- (1) specific authority in another provision of this Act; or
- (2) written approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

## Part 15. AGENCY NON-DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER PROVISIONS

### Sec. 15.01. Reimbursements for Unemployment Benefits.

- (a) For the purposes of this section, "agency" includes a state agency as defined under Government Code, Section 2151.002, which includes an institution of higher education (except a public junior college) as defined under Education Code, Section 61.003.
- (b) At the close of each calendar quarter, the Texas Workforce Commission shall prepare a statement reflecting the amount of unemployment benefits paid to all former state employees based on wages earned from state employment and present the statement to the Comptroller. The Comptroller shall pay by warrant or transfer out of monies appropriated from the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 such amount to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937 to reimburse the Texas Workforce Commission for the payments.
- (c) The Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 shall be reimbursed as Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 for one-half of the unemployment benefits paid from appropriations made in this Act to the agency that previously employed each respective former state employee whose payroll warrants were originally issued in whole or part from the General Revenue Fund, any dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.
- (d) From information related to unemployment benefits paid on behalf of previously employed former state employees provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Comptroller shall determine the proportionate amount of the reimbursement or payment due from the General Revenue Fund, any General Revenue-Dedicated accounts, Federal Funds, or Other Fund appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to agencies. The Comptroller shall transfer such amounts to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165. The

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amounts reimbursed pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 for the purpose of reimbursing the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937 as Interagency Transfers to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165. The reimbursement requirements established by this subsection may be waived, either in whole or in part, by the Legislative Budget Board.

- (e) In addition to other reimbursement provided by this section, the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 shall be reimbursed for one-half of the unemployment benefits paid from amounts appropriated to the Reimbursements to the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account item in this Act out of dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts or Other Funds and shall be fully reimbursed from monies held in local bank accounts for all former state employees whose payroll warrants were originally issued in whole or part from dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts, Other Funds, Federal Funds, or local bank accounts respectively. From information provided by the Texas Workforce Commission, the Comptroller shall determine the proportionate amount of the reimbursement or payment due from funds other than the General Revenue Fund and transfer such monies to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165. The amounts reimbursed from local funds pursuant to this subsection are appropriated to the Unemployment Compensation Special Administration Account No. 165 for the purpose of reimbursing the Unemployment Compensation Benefit Account No. 937. Such transfers and payments authorized under law shall be made not later than the 30th calendar day after the date of receipt of the statement of payments due.
- (f) The Comptroller may prescribe accounting procedures and regulations to implement this section.
- (g) The Comptroller, upon certification of amounts due from the Texas Workforce Commission, including the sources of the amounts due, may transfer monies from the agencies or other units of state government as the Texas Workforce Commission certifies remain due more than 30 calendar days from receipt of the statement of payments due. The Texas Workforce Commission shall also determine the amounts due from funds held outside the state Treasury and notify the State Auditor and Comptroller of those amounts.

### **Sec. 15.02. Payments to the State Office of Risk Management (SORM).**

- (a) In this section:
  - (1) "SORM" means the State Office of Risk Management.
  - (2) "Agency" includes a state agency as defined under Government Code, Section 2151.002, which includes an institution of higher education (except a public junior college) as defined under Education Code, Section 61.003, and may also include any other unit of state government as defined by the rules of SORM, which participates in cost allocation plan provided under this section.
  - (3) "Assessment" means the amount of the workers' compensation assessment placed on an agency by SORM and the agencies' proportion of SORM's costs to administer workers' compensation payments and other statutory obligations contained in SORM's Strategy A.1.1, Risk Management and Claims Administration, as provided by this section and other relevant law.
- (b) At the beginning of each fiscal year, SORM shall prepare a statement reflecting the assessments due from all agencies and present it to the Comptroller.
- (c)
  - (1) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, agencies shall transfer to SORM 75 percent of their assessed allocation which includes amounts for workers' compensation coverage for their employees from funding in the same proportion as their expected payroll funding, including General Revenue Funds, dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts, Other Funds or local bank accounts and the agencies' proportion of SORM's costs to administer workers' compensation payments and other statutory obligations contained in SORM's Strategy A.1.1, Risk Management Program and Claims Administration.
  - (2) Not later than May 1 of each year, SORM shall determine the remaining assessment due from each agency based on actual costs since the beginning of the fiscal year and other estimated costs. SORM shall prepare a statement reflecting the remaining assessments due from each agency and present the statement to the Comptroller. Each agency shall transfer to

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SORM the remaining assessed allocation which includes amounts for workers' compensation coverage for their employees from funding in the same proportion as their expected payroll funding, including General Revenue Funds, dedicated General Revenue Fund accounts, Other Funds, or local bank accounts and the agencies' proportion of SORM's costs to administer workers' compensation payments and other statutory obligations contained in SORM's Strategy A.1.1, Risk Management Program and Claims Administration.

- (d) Transfers and payments as are authorized under law shall be made not more than 30 calendar days from receipt of the statement of payments due.
- (e) The Comptroller may prescribe accounting procedures and regulations to implement this section.
- (f) Upon certification by SORM of amounts due, the Comptroller may transfer monies from an agency if the assessment amount due remains unpaid after more than 30 calendar days from receipt of the statement of payments due.
- (g) All monies recovered by SORM from third parties by way of subrogation are appropriated to SORM to be used for the payment of workers' compensation benefits to state employees and shall be retained in SORM's Strategy B.1.1, Workers' Compensation Payments, in whole for that purpose.
- (h) Amounts not to exceed 2 percent in total of workers' compensation annual expenditures may be awarded to agencies by SORM for the purposes of risk management and loss prevention. In the event that collections in SORM's Strategy B.1.1, Workers' Compensation Payments, funded by the annual assessments to agencies, exceed 110 percent of the expected annual payments, the portion of the excess over 110 percent funded from all funding sources shall be returned to agencies. The excess returned to the agencies by SORM is appropriated to the agencies for expenditures consistent with the original funding source. Any funding less than 110 percent of collections in SORM's Strategy B.1.1, Workers' Compensation Payments, not used for workers' compensation payments shall be used by SORM to lower the cumulative assessments to agencies the following fiscal year.
- (i) In the event the total assessments in any year prove insufficient to fund expenditures, SORM may, after providing written notice to the Legislative Budget Board, temporarily utilize additional General Revenue Funds in an amount not to exceed 20 percent of the cumulative assessments for that fiscal year. Any additional General Revenue Funds will be utilized only for the purpose of temporary cash flow and must be repaid upon receipt of the following year's assessments in accordance with procedures established by the Comptroller.
- (j) The reimbursement requirements established by this section may be waived or delayed, either in whole or in part, by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (k) SORM shall require agencies to provide to SORM and agencies shall submit to SORM information regarding the specific funding sources from which agencies pay their assessed allocation amounts for workers' compensation coverage for their employees.

### **Sec. 15.03. Contingency Appropriation Reduction.**

- (a) After considering all other contingency riders in this Act and all legislation passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature that affects revenue, if the appropriations made by Articles I through X of this Act exceed the limitation specified in Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49a or the limitation on consolidated general revenue appropriations established by the Legislative Budget Board pursuant to Government Code, Section 316.002, all appropriations made under this Act out of the General Revenue Fund and General Revenue-Dedicated accounts are automatically reduced on a pro-rata basis by the amount necessary, if any, to ensure that the total amount appropriated does not exceed either of these limitations; provided, however, that appropriations described under Subsection (c) shall not be reduced.
- (b) The Comptroller shall report the amount of the automatic reductions, if any, to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board.
- (c) Appropriations described under this subsection that may not be reduced by an action taken pursuant to this section are as follows:

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- (1) Appropriations identified in Section 6.07 of this article (Employee Benefit and Debt Service Items);
- (2) Appropriations made to the Texas Education Agency for the Foundation School Program in Strategies A.1.1, FSP-Equalized Operations, and A.1.2, FSP-Equalized Facilities;
- (3) Appropriations made in Article IV of this Act;
- (4) Appropriations made to the Teacher Retirement System;
- (5) Appropriations made to the Optional Retirement Program;
- (6) Appropriations made to the Higher Education Fund;
- (7) Appropriations made for Debt Service Payments for Non-Self Supporting G.O. Water Bonds;
- (8) Appropriations made for Compensation to Victims of Crime; and
- (9) Appropriations designated as "estimated."

**Sec. 15.04. Appropriation Transfers: Billings for Statewide Allocated Costs.** As provided by Government Code, Chapter 2106, relating to billings to state agencies for the costs of support services allocated to agencies under the statewide cost allocation plan, the Comptroller shall transfer appropriations made to state agencies and institutions of higher education by this Act to the General Revenue Fund, under Articles I-VIII of this Act, in amounts which total an estimated \$30 million for the biennium.

At least 30 calendar days prior to making transfers of agency appropriations to the General Revenue Fund pursuant to this provision, the Comptroller shall develop and prepare a plan of reductions and notify the Legislative Budget Board and Governor of the amounts proposed for reduction by each agency.

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### Sec. 16.01. Court Representation and Outside Legal Counsel.

- (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by the Texas Constitution or general or special statutes, and only as consistent with Government Code, Section 402.0212 and Government Code, Chapter 2254, the Attorney General shall have the primary duty of representing the State in the trial of civil cases. The provisions of this section apply to the representation of a state governmental entity by outside legal counsel in all legal matters.
- (2) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be used by a state governmental entity for retaining outside legal counsel before the state governmental entity requests the Attorney General to perform those legal services.
- (3) If the Attorney General determines that outside legal counsel is in the best interest of the State, the Attorney General shall so certify to the Comptroller and to the requesting state governmental entity which may then utilize appropriated monies to retain outside legal counsel.
- (4) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be used by a state governmental entity to contract with an outside legal counsel who represents clients before the state governmental entity or who has, during a six-month period preceding the initiative of the contract and a six-month period following the termination of the contract, represented clients before the state governmental entity.
- (5) A state governmental entity may not initiate the process of selecting outside legal counsel prior to receiving the approval of the Attorney General to retain outside legal counsel.



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- (b) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended by a state governmental entity to initiate a civil suit or defend itself against a legal action without the consent of the Attorney General. Absent this consent, the state governmental entity shall be represented in that particular action by the Attorney General.
- (c) On receipt of a request by a state governmental entity to retain outside legal counsel, the Attorney General shall decide on the request as expeditiously as possible, but in no event later than 10 business days after receiving the request.
- (d) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be used to pay compensation to outside legal counsel for representing a state governmental entity in the trial of a civil suit if the Attorney General, district attorney, criminal district attorney, county attorney, or other lawyer is required by constitutional or statutory provision to represent a state governmental entity except in those cases where the Attorney General consents to the representation or the district attorney, criminal district attorney, county attorney, or other lawyer has requested that the attorneys employed by the particular state governmental entity assist with the trial of the particular civil suit.
- (e)
  - (1) This section does not restrict a state governmental entity in the investigation and assembling of evidence in connection with a pending or prospective civil suit.
  - (2) This section does not prohibit a state governmental entity or its employees from investigating, filing, or presenting to any person a claim, owing to the State.
- (f) This section does not restrict the Attorney General from employing special assistants to assist in the trial of civil suits to be paid from the appropriations made to the Attorney General.
- (g) If a state governmental entity requests the Attorney General to take legal action in court against another state governmental entity, the Attorney General shall give special consideration to permitting one of the state governmental entities to employ, from the permitted state governmental entity's monies, outside legal counsel to represent that state governmental entity in that action in order to avoid a conflict of interest by the Attorney General in the representation of both state governmental entities.
- (h) If the Attorney General initiates legal action against another state governmental entity on behalf of the Attorney General rather than another state governmental entity, the Legislature hereby determines that a conflict of interest exists and the state governmental entity against which the Attorney General takes action may expend appropriated monies for outside legal counsel to represent that state governmental entity without the prior approval or consent of the Attorney General.
- (i) Subsections (a) - (h) do not apply to monies appropriated to:
  - (1) Office of the Governor;
  - (2) Comptroller;
  - (3) Department of Agriculture;
  - (4) General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board;
  - (5) Railroad Commission of Texas;
  - (6) Texas Ethics Commission; or
  - (7) State Commission on Judicial Conduct.
- (j) Monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended to pay the legal fees or expenses of outside legal counsel that represents the State or any of its state governmental entities in a contested matter if the outside legal counsel is representing a plaintiff in a proceeding seeking monetary damages from the State or any of its state governmental entities.
- (k) For purposes of this section, "state governmental entity" means a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created under the constitution or a statute, including an institution of higher education.

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### Sec. 16.02. Contingent Fee Contract for Legal Services.

- (a) Except to carry out the purposes of Education Code, Chapter 153, monies appropriated by this Act may not be expended by a state governmental entity for payment of legal fees or expenses under a contingent fee contract for legal services without the prior approval of the Legislative Budget Board, as provided by Government Code, Chapter 2254.
- (b) For purposes of this section, "state governmental entity" means a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created under the constitution or a statute, including an institution of higher education as defined by Education Code, Section 61.003(8).
- (c) This section applies to all contingent fee contracts for legal services entered into by a state governmental entity, including legal services related to a *parens patriae* action or proceeding brought by a state governmental entity in the name of the state, except that this section does not apply to a contingent fee contract:
  - (1) for legal services performed for a state governmental entity in relation to the entity's actions as a receiver, special deputy receiver, liquidator, or liquidating agent in connection with the administration of the assets of an insolvent entity, including actions under Insurance Code, Chapter 443, or Finance Code, Chapters 36, 66, 96, or 126; or
  - (2) under which recoveries from more than one entity are contemplated and the expected amount of each recovery and the actual amount of each recovery does not exceed \$100,000.

### Sec. 16.03. Proceeds of Litigation.

- (a) Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the legislature, any litigation or matter that could have resulted in litigation that results in settlement, court order, or other arrangement providing revenues or financial benefits to a state governmental entity or the State of Texas shall be structured to require the entire amount due to be paid to the state Treasury in accordance with Government Code, Sec. 404.097.
- (b) None of the money paid to a state governmental entity because of a settlement of litigation or other arrangement providing revenues or financial benefits because of an incident that could reasonably result in a claim or litigation may be expended by any state government entity unless the Legislative Budget Board is notified in writing by the Attorney General regarding the terms of the settlement or other arrangement and the Legislative Budget Board is notified in writing by the state governmental entity receiving the money regarding the plans for the use of the money. The written notice must be delivered to the Legislative Budget Board as soon as practicable, but no later than the 20th calendar day of the month following the first to occur of:
  - (1) receipt of the money or other benefit; or
  - (2) approval of the settlement or arrangement by a court.
- (c) This section does not apply to a settlement of litigation, court order resulting from litigation, or other arrangement providing revenues or financial benefits because of litigation:
  - (1) for a state governmental entity in relation to the entity's actions as a receiver, special deputy receiver, liquidator, or liquidating agent in connection with the administration of the assets of an insolvent entity, including actions under Insurance Code, Chapter 443, or Finance Code, Chapters 36, 66, 96, or 126; or
  - (2) under which recovery to the state governmental entity does not exceed \$500,000.
- (d) For purposes of this section, "state governmental entity" means a board, commission, department, office, or other agency in the executive branch of state government created under the constitution or a statute, including an institution of higher education.

### Sec. 16.04. Judgments and Settlements.

- (a) The monies appropriated by this Act, including appropriations made in Article X of the Act, may not be expended for payment of a judgment or settlement prosecuted by or defended by the Attorney General and obtained against the State or a state agency, except:

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- (1) pursuant to this section; or
  - (2) where it is specifically provided in an item of appropriation that the monies appropriated or expenditures authorized may be used for the payment of judgments or settlements.
- (b) State agencies appropriated monies by this Act may expend monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act for the purposes of paying settlements and judgments against the state for causes brought in a federal court or a court in this state under specific statutory authority. Payments made pursuant to this subsection are subject to the following processes and limitations:
- (1) monies are to be paid out by the Comptroller on vouchers drawn by the agency settling the lawsuit or paying the judgment, subject to the approval of the Governor and of the Attorney General according to Subsection (d);
  - (2) for purposes of this subsection, "judgment" means a judgment order rendered in a federal court or a court in this state for which an appeal or rehearing, or application therefore, is not pending and for which the time limitations for appeal or rehearing have expired;
  - (3) the payment of a settlement or judgment may not exceed \$250,000;
  - (4) the payment of a settlement or judgment may not exceed one percent of the total amount of monies (not including federal funds) appropriated by this Act for expenditure by that agency for that fiscal year;
  - (5) the payment of the settlement or judgment would not cause the total amount of settlement and judgment payments made by the payer agency for that fiscal year to exceed 10 percent of the total amount of monies available for expenditure by that agency for that fiscal year; and
  - (6) the payment of a settlement or judgment may be made only with a complete release from any and all related claims and causes against the State, and in the case of a judgment, the payment may be made only in full satisfaction of that judgment.
- (c) (1) A state agency shall report a claim for property damage to the Attorney General not later than the second business day after the date the agency receives the claim.
- (2) A state agency shall prepare a voucher for payment of a claim not later than the 10th business day after the date an agreement to settle the claim has been reached.
- (d) Payment of all judgments and settlements prosecuted by or defended by the Attorney General is subject to approval of the Attorney General as to form, content, and amount, and certification by the Attorney General that payment of the judgment or settlement is a legally enforceable obligation of the State. This subsection applies equally to monies appropriated for expenditure through the state Treasury, as well as monies appropriated for expenditure from monies held in local banks.
- (e) The Attorney General shall report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor not less than monthly, a listing of all settlements and judgments of more than \$5,000 submitted to the Comptroller for payment. The document delivered to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor by the Attorney General must contain only information that may be published on the internet, by a newspaper, or published by other means and shall contain at least the following information unless all or part of the information may not be disclosed to the public under state or federal law or by court order:
- (1) a summary of the cause of action;
  - (2) a summary of the terms of the settlement;
  - (3) the style of the case;
  - (4) the name and business address of each attorney representing the opposing litigants at the time of the settlement;
  - (5) the amount of the judgment or settlement;

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- (6) the fund or account from which payment was or should be made;
  - (7) the statutory citation for the appropriation or other authority to be made;
  - (8) specific statutes granting waiver of sovereign immunity or legislative resolution granting litigant permission to sue;
  - (9) the date of judgment or settlement; and
  - (10) other information as the Legislative Budget Board may request and in the form requested by the Legislative Budget Board.
- (f) The Teacher Retirement System (TRS) shall confer with the Legislative Budget Board before approving any settlement sought by TRS with its outside legal counsel contracted in fiscal year 2025 and fiscal year 2026 for healthcare related claims and litigation.
- (g) The State Auditor may verify compliance with this section for all monies appropriated in this Act, including monies that are retained and expended from accounts held outside the state Treasury and that are not subject to reimbursement through funds held in the state Treasury. On verification that an agency has not obtained the Attorney General's approval prior to payment of a judgment or settlement, the State Auditor may certify that fact to the Comptroller. The Comptroller may withhold all appropriations for administrative expenses for the involved agency until the Legislative Audit Committee notifies the Comptroller that the agency's non-compliance has been reviewed and necessary recommendations or changes have been made.

### Sec. 16.05. Professional Legal Services.

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that in providing professional legal services to officials and entities of the legislative branch of state government using money appropriated by this Act, the Attorney General shall abide by the official's or entity's decisions concerning the objectives and general methods of representation and whether to accept or reject an offer of settlement of a matter. If circumstances prevent the Attorney General from abiding by the official's or entity's decisions, the official or entity may expend from General Revenue Funds appropriated to the Legislature in Article X of this Act amounts necessary to pay for professional legal services, including legal advice, assistance, and representation.
- (b) To the extent this section conflicts with another provision of this Act, this section prevails.

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**Sec. 17.01. Contingency Rider.** It is the intent of the Legislature that appropriations made in this Act be expended only for purposes and programs specifically funded in the Act, and contingency appropriations made for legislation adopted by the Eighty-ninth Legislature be the primary source of funding for implementation of that legislation. No state agency or institution is required to significantly reallocate or redistribute monies appropriated in this Act to provide funding for programs or legislation adopted by the Eighty-ninth Legislature for which there is not specific appropriation or contingency provision identified in this Act.

**Sec. 17.02. Limitation on Substitution of General Obligation Bond Funded Projects.** Following initial Legislative Budget Board approval of projects for which monies are appropriated to an agency elsewhere in this Act or monies are appropriated to Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) for payment of debt service on outstanding Proposition 4 and Proposition 8 bonds, an agency may substitute projects for those approved by submitting a written request for project substitution to the Legislative Budget Board, with a copy to TPFA. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to expend the monies and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, and Lieutenant Governor.

### Sec. 17.03. Payroll Contribution for Group Health Insurance.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, out of appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to state agencies and institutions of higher education for the state fiscal biennium beginning

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September 1, 2025, each agency and institution of higher education shall contribute to the Employees Retirement System's Group Benefits Program in an amount equal to 1.0 percent of the total base wages and salaries for each benefits eligible employee of a state agency or institution of higher education during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

- (b) For purposes of this section "state agencies and institutions of higher education" does not include components within the University of Texas and Texas A&M Systems.
- (c) State agencies and institutions of higher education shall contribute pursuant to this section to the Employees Retirement System to increase state funding for group health coverage by the value of the 1.0 percent contribution, estimated to be \$160,458,687 in All Funds for state agencies and \$95,245,483 in All Funds for institutions of higher education for the 2026-27 biennium.
- (d) The calculation of base salary for purposes of the reductions made under this section excludes longevity pay, hazardous duty pay, benefit replacement pay, overtime pay, and other payments that are not part of the base salary of the employee.
- (e) Transfers made under this section shall be consistent with provisions requiring salaries and benefits to be proportional to the source of monies.
- (f) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section.

**Sec. 17.04. Veterans Services at Other State Agencies.** Out of monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act, any state agency or institution of higher education, including the Veterans Commission, Department of State Health Service, Texas Military Department, Texas Workforce Commission, General Land Office, or any other state agency or institution that receives funding in this Act and provides specific services to veterans, shall provide information to veterans seeking assistance from that state agency or institution of other state agencies or institutions that provide additional veterans specific services, as identified by the Texas Coordinating Council for Veterans Services. In addition to all modes of communication, that information shall be made available on each of the agencies' websites.

**Sec. 17.05. Agency Coordination for Youth Prevention and Intervention Services.** From monies appropriated above for the purpose of juvenile delinquency prevention and dropout prevention and intervention services, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Juvenile Justice Department, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Military Department shall coordinate the delivery of juvenile delinquency prevention and dropout prevention and intervention services. Juvenile delinquency prevention and dropout prevention and intervention services are programs or services that are aimed at preventing academic failure, failure on state assessments, dropout, juvenile delinquency, truancy, runaways, and children living in family conflict. Each of the agencies listed above shall coordinate services with the others to prevent redundancy and to ensure optimal service delivery to youth at risk of engaging in delinquency and/or dropping out of school. Programs shall demonstrate effectiveness through established outcomes.

Not later than October 1 of each year, the agencies shall provide to the Legislative Budget Board detailed monitoring, tracking, utilization, outcome, and effectiveness information on all juvenile delinquency prevention and dropout prevention and intervention services for the preceding five fiscal year period. The reports shall include information on the impact of all juvenile delinquency and dropout prevention and intervention services and programs delivered or monitored by the agencies.

**Sec. 17.06. Additional Payroll Contribution for Retirement Contribution.**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, out of appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to state agencies for the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025, each agency shall contribute to the Employees Retirement System's Retirement Program in an amount equal to 0.5 percent of the total base wages and salaries for each eligible employee of a state agency during the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- (b) State agencies shall contribute pursuant to this section to the Employees Retirement System to increase the state contribution for retirement by the value of the 0.5 percent contribution, estimated to be \$100,022,567 for state agencies for the 2026-27 biennium.
- (c) The calculation of base salary for purposes of the reductions made under this section excludes longevity pay, hazardous duty pay, benefit replacement pay, overtime pay, and other payments that are not part of the base salary of the employee.

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- (d) Transfers made under this section shall be consistent with provisions requiring salaries and benefits to be proportional to the source of monies.
- (e) The Comptroller of Public Accounts shall promulgate rules and regulations as necessary to administer this section.

### **Sec. 17.07. Use of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax Transfer to the General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64.**

- (a) Appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) for General Obligation (GO) Bond Debt Service include \$5,820,162 in fiscal year 2026 and \$5,595,599 in fiscal year 2027 from the General Revenue Fund for debt service payments on GO bonds issued and authorized but unissued for statewide park repairs. Contingent upon review described below, the General Revenue Fund shall be reduced and an equal amount of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax (SGST) transfer to General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 is appropriated to TPFA for debt service expenditures on GO bonds issued and authorized for statewide park repairs.
  - (1) Before October 1 of each year, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) in cooperation with TPFA shall use expenditure schedules and any other necessary documentation to determine the actual amount of debt service expended from both sources on statewide park repairs and submit the findings of this review to the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board.
  - (2) Before October 31 of each year, TPWD shall transfer an amount equal to the actual costs of debt service to TPFA from the SGST allocation in General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64. In the event that the sum of the actual costs for debt service exceeds SGST cash available for these purposes, the additional amounts shall be funded from the available remaining balance of General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64. The Comptroller shall authorize the necessary expenditure transfers at TPFA needed to credit the General Revenue Fund from General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64 for the actual costs of debt service.
- (b) In the event that actual costs of debt service for statewide park repairs exceed the available remaining balance of General Revenue-Dedicated State Parks Account No. 64, the Comptroller shall adjust debt service payments to be made from other revenues deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund accordingly.

### **Sec. 17.08. Reporting Requirement for Funds Held Outside the Treasury.**

- (a) The Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board shall jointly prepare a report on funds held outside the Treasury on a biennial basis. The report should contain the following information for operating funds and any other funds held outside the Treasury selected by the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board:
  - (1) the legal/statutory basis for the fund or revenue held outside the Treasury;
  - (2) the allowable uses of the fund or revenue held outside the Treasury;
  - (3) a listing of programs for which the fund or revenue held outside the Treasury is currently expended or could be expended;
  - (4) the estimated or actual revenues and expended or budgeted amounts by fiscal year for the most recently completed and current fiscal biennia; and
  - (5) the estimated or actual balance as of August 31 of each year in the most recently completed and current fiscal biennia.
- (b) Any state agency that receives, expends, or administers funds or revenues held outside the Treasury, either by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, or a private financial institution shall assist the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board in preparing this report and shall submit all data and information as prescribed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts or the Legislative Budget Board.

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- (c) In prescribing data to be reported and reporting deadlines, the Comptroller of Public Accounts and the Legislative Budget Board shall collaborate with state agencies to maximize the use of existing data sources and minimize work required to compile and submit information.
- (d) The report shall be available to the Governor, members of the Legislative Budget Board, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee no later than the last day in February of each year in which a regular session of the Texas Legislature convenes.

### **Sec. 17.09. Contract Management and Oversight.**

- (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that all agencies and institutions of higher education establish effective processes and controls to manage contracts and ensure the cost-effective use of state appropriations for contracted goods and services.
- (b) Agencies and institutions should manage contracts consistent with state statute, the General Appropriations Act, and the State of Texas Procurement and Contract Management Guide and ensure proper oversight of contract processes including:
  - (1) provide adequate time for applicable external reviews by the Quality Assurance Team (QAT) and Contract Advisory Team when establishing procurement timelines;
  - (2) follow recommendations made by the Contract Advisory Team or adequately explain any deviations from the recommendations and why the deviation is necessary;
  - (3) ensure proper justification for proprietary purchases and that contracts are established and approved by the Statewide Procurement Division of the Office of the Comptroller;
  - (4) ensure that contract award decisions are determined based on best value criteria established in solicitation documents to ensure fair and open competition;
  - (5) ensure that staff involved in contract management or administration duties are adequately trained to perform those duties;
  - (6) periodically review internal contracting practices and manuals to ensure that they are current and updated with current regulations and best practices;
  - (7) ensure that provisions related to service level and pricing mechanisms in existing contracts are correctly enforced;
  - (8) enforce damage provisions for vendor non-performance and collect monetary refunds for improper payments to vendors;
  - (9) ensure dollar values of performance bonds and insurance are consistent with risk of non-performance; and
  - (10) ensure that vendor performance is reported to the Vendor Performance Tracking System (VPTS) and that VPTS data is used in selecting vendors for contract awards.
- (c) Agencies shall make a good faith effort to identify and execute savings and efficiencies in their use of contracted goods and services. An agency or institution of higher education may not use monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to pay for a contract for goods or services unless it:
  - (1) Seeks competitive bids or proposals before renewing or extending a contract that has been in effect more than five years and with a value that exceeds the lesser of \$10 million or 10 percent of the agency's All Funds budget for the 2026-27 biennium. The following contracts are exempt from the requirements of this Subsection (c)(1):
    - (A) TxSmartBuy, term, and cooperative contracts administered by the Comptroller or Department of Information Resources;
    - (B) grants;
    - (C) interagency contracts;

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- (D) contracts that relate to a construction project as defined by Government Code, Section 2166.001;
  - (E) contracts that relate to highway construction or highway engineering;
  - (F) contracts that relate to major information resources projects, as defined by Government Code, Section 2054.003(10);
  - (G) contracts not required by law to be competitively procured; and
  - (H) managed care contracts in the Medicaid and CHIP program.
- (2) Conducts a cost-benefit analysis to compare canceling or continuing any major information resource project and related contracts subject to QAT monitoring that is more than 50 percent over budget or 50 percent over schedule. QAT must approve the cost-benefit analysis for the project to continue. If this requirement is not met, corrective actions in Section 9.02 apply.
- (d) An agency or institution may request, with regards to a contract, an additional exemption from the requirements of Subsection (c)(1) by submitting a request to the Legislative Budget Board which outlines the justification for requesting the exemption. The request shall be considered to be approved unless the Legislative Budget Board issues a written disapproval within 30 business days of the date on which the staff of the Legislative Budget Board concludes its review of the proposal to exempt the contract and forwards its review to the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Lieutenant Governor.

The request shall state that the agency or institution agrees to enhanced oversight of the contract upon Legislative Budget Board approval of the exemption. The Legislative Budget Board shall determine the level of enhanced oversight that is necessary or may choose to waive oversight. Enhanced oversight may include, but is not limited to, the following elements: additional reporting requirements, increased monitoring of the contract, and the formation of an executive steering committee for the project to which the contract relates. For information technology related contracts, an executive steering committee may include members of QAT and/or its designee(s). Responsibilities of an executive steering committee may include, but are not limited to, review of procurement and contract terms prior to solicitation/execution and ongoing oversight of the management of the contract. The Legislative Budget Board shall determine whether an agency or institution has met the requirements of enhanced oversight. If the Legislative Budget Board determines that the requirements have not been met, additional corrective actions, including but not limited to those specified in Section 9.02, may be applied.

- (e) It is the intent of the Legislature that agencies and institutions minimize the use of extensions that extend a contract beyond the base term and any optional extensions provided in a contract. An agency or institution may not use monies appropriated elsewhere in this Act to pay for an extension to an existing agency contract beyond the base term and optional extensions provided for in that contract unless all the following conditions are met:
- (1) The extension is limited in duration and cost to not more than one additional option period, as defined in the contract, to address the immediate operational or service delivery needs. If a contract does not contain a defined option period, the extension is limited to one year.
  - (2) The agency or institution provides notice of the extension at least 30 calendar days prior to execution of the extension by uploading required information to the Legislative Budget Board contracts database. Required information includes but is not limited to: the cost of the contract; the duration of the contract; the reason for the extension of the contract; and a plan to ensure that the contract can be completed within the extension period, signed by the executive director or other similar agency or institution administrator, or designee of the agency or institution.
  - (3) The agency or institution ensures, prior to providing notice pursuant to Subsection (e)(2), that all information and documents specified in Section 7.11(d) have been uploaded to the Legislative Budget Board contracts database regardless of whether the information and documents are otherwise required to be uploaded under Section 7.11.
- (f) Each agency and institution of higher education that receives appropriations in this Act, shall provide a report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor that details the steps taken to ensure compliance with state procurement requirements and any other information required by the



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Legislative Budget Board. The report for activities undertaken in fiscal year 2026 is due not later than September 30, 2026, and a summary report for the 2026-27 biennium is due August 31, 2027.

- (g) The State Preservation Board is exempt from the competitive bidding process described by this section and by Government Code, Sec. 2269.101, Contract for Facilities: Competitive Bidding, for work related to legislative facilities.

Sec. 17.10. Energy Efficiency Savings for State Facilities.

- (a) In this section, "facility" means a facility with at least 100,000 gross square feet.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that a state agency that is appropriated money by this Act with charge and control over a facility shall have a remote or on-site assessment of the facility performed by the Energy Systems Laboratory at Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station or another qualified provider to determine whether implementation of continuous commissioning or existing building commissioning practices would result in estimated savings of at least 10 percent in utility costs for the facility. A state agency shall supply any documents necessary to perform the assessment. The state agency shall report to the Legislative Budget Board on the results of the assessment.
- (c) If the results of an assessment performed under Subsection (b) show estimated utility cost savings of at least 10 percent, the state agency shall have the Energy Systems Laboratory at Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station or another qualified provider prepare a plan for implementation of continuous commissioning or existing building commissioning practices and monitoring of the implementation for the state agency.

Sec. 17.11 Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council.

- (a) The following is an informational listing of appropriations made elsewhere in this Act to address human trafficking.

Human trafficking-related activities include programs and services directly and indirectly related to state and local grant programs, law enforcement, research, trainings, regulatory efforts, criminal justice actions, and child welfare. Certain non-human trafficking-related costs which could not be disaggregated from other costs are also included in the listing below.

	Fiscal Year 2026	Fiscal Year 2027
<b>Article I</b>		
Office of the Attorney General	\$3,104,547	\$3,104,547
Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor	\$4,337,650	\$2,337,650
<b>Article II</b>		
Department of Family and Protective Services	\$853,541	\$853,541
Department of State Health Services	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Article V</b>		
Alcoholic Beverage Commission	\$2,575,115	\$2,575,115
Department of Public Safety	\$16,797,013	\$11,053,121
<b>Article VIII</b>		
Department of Licensing and Regulation	\$2,757,435	\$2,613,276
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$30,455,301</b>	<b>\$22,567,250</b>
<b>Method of Financing</b>		
General Revenue	\$28,376,776	\$22,488,725
General Revenue-Dedicated	\$2,000,000	\$0
Federal Funds	\$78,525	\$78,525
Other Funds	\$0	\$0
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$30,455,301</b>	<b>\$22,567,250</b>

- (b) The Attorney General or their designee shall serve as the presiding officer of the Human Trafficking Prevention Coordinating Council (the council). The Office of the Attorney General shall make the strategic plan described in Subsection (c) and the annual reports described in Subsection (d) available on the office’s internet website. Each agency identified in Subsection (a)

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shall designate an individual to serve as a member of the council and may use monies appropriated by this Act to support the council. Any other state agency or institution that receives funding in this Act and provides specific human trafficking prevention services may participate in the meetings and discussion of the council.

- (c) The council shall develop and implement a five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking encompassing fiscal years 2026 through 2030. No later than December 1, 2026, the council shall submit the five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking to the Legislature. The five-year Strategic Plan for Preventing Human Trafficking shall include:
  - (1) An inventory of human trafficking prevention programs and services in this state that are administered by state agencies, including institutions of higher education, and political subdivisions;
  - (2) A report on the number of persons served by the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1);
  - (3) A plan to coordinate the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1) with the goals of eliminating redundancy, ensuring the use of best practices in preventing human trafficking, as well as identifying and collecting data regarding the efficacy of the programs inventoried in Subsection (c)(1); and
  - (4) A plan, aligned with the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3), to coordinate the expenditure of state monies appropriated in this Act for the prevention of human trafficking, including monies expended by the task force established under Government Code, Section 402.035, or by a successor entity established by the Office of the Attorney General.
- (d) Not later than December 1, 2027, the council shall submit an annual report detailing the progress of implementing the strategic plan described in Subsection (c) to the Legislature. The annual report shall include:
  - (1) A description of the level of participation in the strategic plan by each agency represented on the council;
  - (2) How the implementation of the strategic plan serves to coordinate the programs and services inventoried in Subsection (c)(1) and achieve the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3); and
  - (3) An update of the inventory described in Subsection (c)(1) and how each new program or service furthers the goals provided in Subsection (c)(3).

**Sec. 17.12. Real-time Captioning of Open Meetings.** It is the intent of the Legislature that, to the extent their capabilities and resources allow, state agencies include communication access real-time translation captioning in any live video broadcast, including a video broadcast over the Internet, of an open meeting of the agency.

**Sec. 17.13. Information Listing of Program Funding.** The Legislative Budget Board shall produce an informational report on Senate Bill 1, Eighty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025 appropriations that allocates 2026-27 biennial funding to the program level. The Legislative Budget Board shall post the report on its website and, upon request, provide printed copies to the members of the Legislature.

**Sec. 17.14. Contact Tracing.** None of the monies appropriated by this Act may be used for the purpose of contact tracing of COVID-19 in the 2026-27 biennium.

**Sec. 17.15. 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.

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- (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.

Sec. 17.16. Informational Listing: Pro-rata Share of Texas Opioid Settlement Receipts Received by Municipal Areas and Regions.

- (a) The following is an informational listing of the pro-rata share to be received by municipal areas from the 15 percent allocation of receipts to political subdivisions from the settlement or other disposition of the Texas Opioid Multi District Litigation, In Re: Texas Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2018-63587, in the 152<sup>nd</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas or any other litigation or settlements involving the State of Texas as a litigant in opioid-related litigation in state or federal court.

<u>Municipal Area</u>	<u>Share</u>	<u>Municipal Area</u>	<u>Share</u>
Abbott	0.00000459	Alma	0.00000738
Abernathy	0.00000074	Alpine	0.00019791
Abilene	0.00375879	Alto	0.00002511
Ackerly	0.00000014	Alton	0.00007693
Addison	0.00038730	Alvarado	0.00019353
Adrian	0.00000121	Alvin	0.00075974
Agua Dulce	0.00000029	Alvord	0.00000239
Alamo	0.00014747	Amarillo	0.00658441
Alamo Heights	0.00018799	Ames	0.00003714
Alba	0.00002131	Amherst	0.00000015
Albany	0.00000120	Anahuac	0.00000361
Aledo	0.00000221	Anderson	0.00000012
Alice	0.00047527	Anderson County	0.00179176
Allen	0.00210054	Andrews	0.00012655

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Andrews County	0.00025071	Bedford	0.00062876
Angelina County	0.00153304	Bedias	0.00002317
Angleton	0.00041861	Bee Cave	0.00008576
Angus	0.00000221	Bee County	0.00065229
Anna	0.00006050	Beeville	0.00016018
Annetta	0.00003971	Bell County	0.00433832
Annetta North	0.00000023	Bellaire	0.00027509
Annetta South	0.00000401	Bellevue	0.00000037
Annona	0.00000492	Bellmead	0.00009658
Anson	0.00003422	Bells	0.00001261
Anthony	0.00003009	Bellville	0.00004992
Anton	0.00000296	Belton	0.00048453
Appleby	0.00001034	Benavides	0.00000101
Aquilla	0.00000138	Benbrook	0.00029279
Aransas County	0.00177675	Benjamin	0.00000634
Aransas Pass	0.00038542	Berryville	0.00009586
Archer City	0.00007036	Bertram	0.00000122
Archer County	0.00030356	Beverly Hills	0.00002890
Arcola	0.00004860	Bevil Oaks	0.00000366
Argyle	0.00007604	Bexar County	0.04671435
Arlington	0.00490536	Big Lake	0.00000365
Armstrong County	0.00000649	Big Sandy	0.00003053
Arp	0.00001339	Big Spring	0.00126619
Asherton	0.00000075	Big Wells	0.00000158
Aspermont	0.00000006	Bishop	0.00005475
Atascosa County	0.00117935	Bishop Hills	0.00000216
Athens	0.00070628	Blackwell	0.00000021
Atlanta	0.00020663	Blanco	0.00004127
Aubrey	0.00010094	Blanco County	0.00032815
Aurora	0.00001232	Blanket	0.00000098
Austin	0.03251810	Bloomburg	0.00000673
Austin County	0.00050687	Blooming Grove	0.00000234
Austwell	0.00000073	Blossom	0.00000132
Avery	0.00000092	Blue Mound	0.00001925
Avinger	0.00000743	Blue Ridge	0.00000896
Azle	0.00021475	Blum	0.00001081
Bailey	0.00000633	Boerne	0.00030384
Bailey County	0.00010251	Bogata	0.00002433
Bailey's Prairie	0.00003736	Bonham	0.00067273
Baird	0.00001868	Bonney	0.00001673
Balch Springs	0.00018239	Booker	0.00000691
Balcones Heights	0.00015874	Borden County	0.00000667
Ballinger	0.00006115	Borger	0.00046454
Balmorhea	0.00000042	Bosque County	0.00047382
Bandera	0.00001929	Bovina	0.00000115
Bandera County	0.00057877	Bowie	0.00055746
Bangs	0.00002033	Bowie County	0.00155460
Bardwell	0.00000241	Boyd	0.00004635
Barry	0.00000133	Brackettville	0.00000005
Barstow	0.00000041	Brady	0.00018320
Bartlett	0.00002249	Brazoria	0.00007692
Bartonville	0.00005924	Brazoria County	0.00680727
Bastrop	0.00030880	Brazos Bend	0.00000308
Bastrop County	0.00229307	Brazos Country	0.00000601
Bay City	0.00038608	Brazos County	0.00228058
Baylor County	0.00019888	Breckenridge	0.00015984
Bayou Vista	0.00004160	Bremond	0.00003703
Bayside	0.00000161	Brenham	0.00036500
Baytown	0.00144044	Brewster County	0.00040058
Bayview	0.00000027	Briarcliff	0.00000381
Beach City	0.00008337	Briaroaks	0.00000038
Bear Creek	0.00000604	Bridge City	0.00053837
Beasley	0.00000087	Bridgeport	0.00022201
Baumont	0.00455340	Briscoe County	0.00000651
Beckville	0.00000832	Broadbuss	0.00000021

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Bronte	0.00000066	Chambers County	0.00102125
Brooks County	0.00013806	Chandler	0.00011576
Brookshire	0.00004270	Channing	0.00000001
Brookside Village	0.00000740	Charlotte	0.00002838
Brown County	0.00128945	Cherokee County	0.00104408
Browndell	0.00000101	Chester	0.00000782
Brownfield	0.00009635	Chico	0.00001952
Brownsboro	0.00002117	Childress	0.00025277
Brownsville	0.00283371	Childress County	0.00033722
Brownwood	0.00111048	Chillicothe	0.00000115
Bruceville-Eddy	0.00001128	China	0.00000348
Bryan	0.00164598	China Grove	0.00000398
Bryson	0.00000819	Chireno	0.00001045
Buckholts	0.00000742	Christine	0.00000236
Buda	0.00007190	Cibolo	0.00009127
Buffalo	0.00007911	Cisco	0.00004812
Buffalo Gap	0.00000058	Clarendon	0.00000076
Buffalo Springs	0.00000126	Clarksville	0.00013927
Bullard	0.00004991	Clarksville City	0.00000036
Bulverde	0.00009624	Claude	0.00000017
Bunker Hill Village	0.00000315	Clay County	0.00048033
Burkburnett	0.00025230	Clear Lake Shores	0.00004455
Burke	0.00000743	Cleburne	0.00152122
Burleson	0.00101186	Cleveland	0.00064598
Burleson County	0.00046830	Clifton	0.00006626
Burnet	0.00022230	Clint	0.00000250
Burnet County	0.00126553	Clute	0.00034234
Burton	0.00000625	Clyde	0.00011524
Byers	0.00000051	Coahoma	0.00001527
Bynum	0.00000254	Cochran County	0.00002259
Cactus	0.00003186	Cockrell Hill	0.00000341
Caddo Mills	0.00000029	Coffee City	0.00000724
Caldwell	0.00012163	Coke County	0.00003681
Caldwell County	0.00057609	Coldspring	0.00000298
Calhoun County	0.00085284	Coleman	0.00003628
Callahan County	0.00008596	Coleman County	0.00002776
Callisburg	0.00000067	College Station	0.00172098
Calvert	0.00000515	Colleyville	0.00030699
Cameron	0.00007394	Collin County	0.00844481
Cameron County	0.00358017	Collingsworth County	0.00012822
Camp County	0.00019234	Collinsville	0.00001221
Camp Wood	0.00000281	Colmesneil	0.00001474
Campbell	0.00000744	Colorado City	0.00005604
Canadian	0.00000727	Colorado County	0.00032722
Caney City	0.00001336	Columbus	0.00004578
Canton	0.00037822	Comal County	0.00264094
Canyon	0.00017501	Comanche	0.00011002
Carbon	0.00000413	Comanche County	0.00033976
Carl's Corner	0.00000032	Combes	0.00001140
Carmine	0.00000257	Combine	0.00001261
Carrizo Springs	0.00001114	Commerce	0.00022579
Carrollton	0.00206837	Como	0.00000277
Carson County	0.00019662	Concho County	0.00002572
Carthage	0.00012618	Conroe	0.00311114
Cashion Community	0.00000214	Converse	0.00018462
Cass County	0.00062103	Cooke County	0.00133634
Castle Hills	0.00008520	Cool	0.00000487
Castro County	0.00002947	Coolidge	0.00000162
Castroville	0.00003017	Cooper	0.00000241
Cedar Hill	0.00046752	Coppell	0.00057728
Cedar Park	0.00123711	Copper Canyon	0.00000326
Celeste	0.00000853	Copperas Cove	0.00088994
Celina	0.00012189	Corinth	0.00050198
Center	0.00039226	Corpus Christi	0.01208471
Centerville	0.00000257	Corral City	0.00000095

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Corrigan	0.00014212	Devers	0.00000127
Corsicana	0.00058207	Devine	0.00002903
Coryell County	0.00082439	Diboll	0.00017022
Cottle County	0.00000583	Dickens	0.00000047
Cottonwood	0.00000193	Dickens County	0.00001249
Cottonwood Shores	0.00000802	Dickinson	0.00055789
Cotulla	0.00000834	Dilley	0.00001755
Coupland	0.00000178	Dimmit County	0.00022196
Cove	0.00000258	Dimmitt	0.00000675
Covington	0.00000346	DISH	0.00000013
Coyote Flats	0.00000981	Dodd City	0.00000807
Crandall	0.00008062	Dodson	0.00000298
Crane	0.00007066	Domino	0.00000131
Crane County	0.00017431	Donley County	0.00014913
Cranfills Gap	0.00000086	Donna	0.00009199
Crawford	0.00000256	Dorchester	0.00000154
Creedmoor	0.00000010	Double Oak	0.00003177
Cresson	0.00000724	Douglassville	0.00000383
Crockett	0.00015602	Dripping Springs	0.00000541
Crockett County	0.00012140	Driscoll	0.00000026
Crosby County	0.00012258	Dublin	0.00009652
Crosbyton	0.00000999	Dumas	0.00017486
Cross Plains	0.00003251	Duncanville	0.00038885
Cross Roads	0.00000163	Duval County	0.00032739
Cross Timber	0.00000361	Eagle Lake	0.00003255
Crowell	0.00004224	Eagle Pass	0.00037337
Crowley	0.00014897	Early	0.00009892
Crystal City	0.00012941	Earth	0.00000161
Cuero	0.00016459	East Bernard	0.00003703
Culberson County	0.00000526	East Mountain	0.00001663
Cumby	0.00003547	East Tawakoni	0.00001815
Cuney	0.00000404	Eastland	0.00010597
Cushing	0.00000747	Eastland County	0.00034850
Cut and Shoot	0.00001427	Easton	0.00000220
Daingerfield	0.00008317	Ector	0.00000739
Daisetta	0.00003580	Ector County	0.00320000
Dalhart	0.00007739	Edcouch	0.00002734
Dallam County	0.00014457	Eden	0.00000331
Dallas	0.01999935	Edgecliff Village	0.00001488
Dallas County	0.05692194	Edgewood	0.00008770
Dalworthington Gardens	0.00004040	Edinburg	0.00080589
Danbury	0.00002820	Edmonson	0.00000090
Darrouzett	0.00000067	Edna	0.00012129
Dawson	0.00000400	Edom	0.00001432
Dawson County	0.00031274	Edwards County	0.00000650
Dayton	0.00031415	El Campo	0.00021133
Dayton Lakes	0.00000025	El Cenizo	0.00000414
De Kalb	0.00000690	El Lago	0.00003736
De Leon	0.00005478	El Paso	0.00816247
De Witt County	0.00045930	El Paso County	0.01728080
Deaf Smith County	0.00023021	Eldorado	0.00000033
Dean	0.00000094	Electra	0.00010477
Decatur	0.00037779	Elgin	0.00017523
DeCordova	0.00009185	Elkhart	0.00000201
Deer Park	0.00032926	Ellis County	0.00210248
Del Rio	0.00039371	Elmendorf	0.00000497
Dell City	0.00000010	Elsa	0.00005147
Delta County	0.00020390	Emhouse	0.00000055
Denison	0.00140284	Emory	0.00002585
Denton	0.00305556	Enchanted Oaks	0.00000866
Denton County	0.00754865	Encinal	0.00001010
Denver City	0.00001402	Ennis	0.00054559
Deport	0.00000028	Erath County	0.00068411
DeSoto	0.00048267	Escobares	0.00000027
Detroit	0.00000643	Estelline	0.00000606

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Eules	0.00061882	George West	0.00004138
Eureka	0.00000223	Georgetown	0.00150598
Eustace	0.00001393	Gholson	0.00001003
Evant	0.00001379	Giddings	0.00008449
Everman	0.00005128	Gillespie County	0.00042127
Fair Oaks Ranch	0.00005385	Gilmer	0.00022634
Fairchilds	0.00000054	Gladewater	0.00016425
Fairfield	0.00000830	Glasscock County	0.00000667
Fairview	0.00021497	Glen Rose	0.00000360
Falfurrias	0.00001481	Glenn Heights	0.00011062
Falls City	0.00000027	Godley	0.00002076
Falls County	0.00023015	Goldsmith	0.00000451
Fannin County	0.00087769	Goldthwaite	0.00000817
Farmers Branch	0.00063021	Goliad	0.00002375
Farmersville	0.00007021	Goliad County	0.00023107
Farwell	0.00000228	Golinda	0.00000067
Fate	0.00002315	Gonzales	0.00009922
Fayette County	0.00061627	Gonzales County	0.00022154
Fayetteville	0.00000261	Goodlow	0.00000147
Ferris	0.00009249	Goodrich	0.00006429
Fisher County	0.00003679	Gordon	0.00000243
Flatonia	0.00003774	Goree	0.00000500
Florence	0.00002633	Gorman	0.00002072
Floresville	0.00014466	Graford	0.00000015
Flower Mound	0.00143504	Graham	0.00156952
Floyd County	0.00006033	Granbury	0.00047823
Floydada	0.00004238	Grand Prairie	0.00296959
Foard County	0.00003843	Grand Saline	0.00024275
Follett	0.00000141	Grandfalls	0.00000044
Forest Hill	0.00017421	Grandview	0.00004400
Forney	0.00053408	Granger	0.00001828
Forsan	0.00000384	Granite Shoals	0.00007889
Fort Bend County	0.01004480	Granjeno	0.00000029
Fort Stockton	0.00002941	Grapeland	0.00004858
Fort Worth	0.01413860	Grapevine	0.00086130
Franklin	0.00002620	Gray County	0.00043923
Franklin County	0.00017189	Grays Prairie	0.00000011
Frankston	0.00000183	Grayson County	0.00359389
Fredericksburg	0.00037657	Greenville	0.00135408
Freeport	0.00048648	Gregg County	0.00162496
Freer	0.00002181	Gregory	0.00003132
Freestone County	0.00033663	Grey Forest	0.00000316
Friendswood	0.00093553	Grimes County	0.00063252
Frio County	0.00013303	Groesbeck	0.00003830
Friona	0.00001898	Groom	0.00000644
Frisco	0.00270206	Groves	0.00027168
Fritch	0.00003032	Groveton	0.00005884
Frost	0.00000214	Gruver	0.00000777
Fruitvale	0.00001562	Guadalupe County	0.00097883
Fulshear	0.00003514	Gun Barrel City	0.00024201
Fulton	0.00001068	Gunter	0.00003073
Gaines County	0.00036231	Gustine	0.00000023
Gainesville	0.00102653	Hackberry	0.00000063
Galena Park	0.00008729	Hale Center	0.00004028
Gallatin	0.00000835	Hale County	0.00052766
Galveston	0.00325458	Hall County	0.00005955
Galveston County	0.00749395	Hallettsville	0.00004597
Ganado	0.00003673	Hallsburg	0.00000182
Garden Ridge	0.00007568	Hallsville	0.00006826
Garland	0.00280163	Haltom City	0.00047867
Garrett	0.00001673	Hamilton	0.00002387
Garrison	0.00002370	Hamilton County	0.00044238
Gary City	0.00000300	Hamlin	0.00003104
Garza County	0.00005963	Hansford County	0.00010944
Gatesville	0.00017996	Happy	0.00000218

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Hardeman County	0.00010146	Hudson Oaks	0.00010425
Hardin	0.00000067	Hudspeth County	0.00000657
Hardin County	0.00253200	Hughes Springs	0.00002961
Harker Heights	0.00075787	Humble	0.00049301
Harlingen	0.00110286	Hunt County	0.00206567
Harris County	0.09977468	Hunters Creek Village	0.00009805
Harrison County	0.00123940	Huntington	0.00005861
Hart	0.00000058	Huntsville	0.00053582
Hartley County	0.00000524	Hurst	0.00066125
Haskell	0.00007219	Hutchins	0.00006367
Haskell County	0.00014674	Hutchinson County	0.00049753
Haslet	0.00001272	Hutto	0.00025564
Hawk Cove	0.00000449	Huxley	0.00000492
Hawkins	0.00005288	Idalou	0.00001333
Hawley	0.00000620	Impact	0.00000006
Hays	0.00000338	Indian Lake	0.00000316
Hays County	0.00352993	Industry	0.00000402
Hearne	0.00011216	Ingleside	0.00026992
Heath	0.00019167	Ingleside on the Bay	0.00000095
Hebron	0.00000458	Ingram	0.00003496
Hedley	0.00000046	Iola	0.00002110
Hedwig Village	0.00008712	Iowa Colony	0.00002727
Helotes	0.00010527	Iowa Park	0.00015658
Hemphill	0.00005357	Iraan	0.00000037
Hemphill County	0.00009596	Iredell	0.00000144
Hempstead	0.00014160	Irion County	0.00006070
Henderson	0.00039977	Irving	0.00285212
Henderson County	0.00218644	Italy	0.00003566
Henrietta	0.00001813	Itasca	0.00005796
Hereford	0.00013615	Ivanhoe	0.00000018
Hewitt	0.00013184	Jacinto City	0.00009427
Hickory Creek	0.00011006	Jack County	0.00009866
Hico	0.00003689	Jacksboro	0.00015503
Hidalgo	0.00017747	Jackson County	0.00025323
Hidalgo County	0.00835402	Jacksonville	0.00053453
Hideaway	0.00000615	Jamaica Beach	0.00003275
Higgins	0.00000029	Jarrell	0.00001616
Highland Haven	0.00000213	Jasper	0.00052281
Highland Park	0.00028922	Jasper County	0.00165903
Highland Village	0.00033543	Jayton	0.00000042
Hill Country Village	0.00004323	Jeff Davis County	0.00005667
Hill County	0.00084984	Jefferson	0.00007463
Hillcrest	0.00003563	Jefferson County	0.00504409
Hillsboro	0.00031073	Jersey Village	0.00024231
Hilshire Village	0.00000573	Jewett	0.00006225
Hitchcock	0.00019198	Jim Hogg County	0.00008479
Hockley County	0.00030938	Jim Wells County	0.00111026
Holiday Lakes	0.00001197	Joaquin	0.00000540
Holland	0.00000051	Johnson City	0.00002387
Holliday	0.00003940	Johnson County	0.00272461
Hollywood Park	0.00006283	Jolly	0.00000017
Hondo	0.00076859	Jones County	0.00014668
Honey Grove	0.00004797	Jones Creek	0.00003385
Hood County	0.00194737	Jonestown	0.00004279
Hooks	0.00001801	Josephine	0.00000587
Hopkins County	0.00099678	Joshua	0.00013746
Horizon City	0.00005013	Jourdanton	0.00006400
Horseshoe Bay	0.00032115	Junction	0.00003217
Houston	0.04681195	Justin	0.00005716
Houston County	0.00052432	Karnes City	0.00007754
Howard County	0.00059553	Karnes County	0.00023499
Howardwick	0.00000056	Katy	0.00034978
Howe	0.00006118	Kaufman	0.00018405
Hubbard	0.00002423	Kaufman County	0.00235365
Hudson	0.00004560	Keene	0.00025530



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Keller	0.00052792	Lamesa	0.00019771
Kemah	0.00018884	Lampasas	0.00018807
Kemp	0.00004279	Lampasas County	0.00028545
Kempner	0.00000220	Lancaster	0.00060436
Kendall County	0.00067095	Laredo	0.00508782
Kendleton	0.00000009	Latexo	0.00000083
Kenedy	0.00000451	Lavaca County	0.00030649
Kenedy County	0.00000667	Lavon	0.00004956
Kenefick	0.00000277	Lawn	0.00000039
Kennard	0.00000088	League City	0.00201612
Kennedale	0.00014016	Leakey	0.00000170
Kent County	0.00000626	Leander	0.00059094
Kerens	0.00001283	Leary	0.00000532
Kermit	0.00003768	Lee County	0.00020305
Kerr County	0.00145635	Lefors	0.00000106
Kerrville	0.00126905	Leon County	0.00044928
Kilgore	0.00070389	Leon Valley	0.00015505
Killeen	0.00357100	Leona	0.00000589
Kimble County	0.00013653	Leonard	0.00005670
King County	0.00000667	Leroy	0.00000117
Kingsville	0.00013389	Levelland	0.00031232
Kinney County	0.00001428	Lewisville	0.00254730
Kirby	0.00005834	Lexington	0.00001545
Kirbyville	0.00007127	Liberty	0.00048229
Kirvin	0.00000002	Liberty County	0.00354141
Kleberg County	0.00082739	Liberty Hill	0.00001853
Knollwood	0.00000774	Limestone County	0.00090456
Knox City	0.00001308	Lincoln Park	0.00000451
Knox County	0.00007820	Lindale	0.00016134
Kosse	0.00001645	Linden	0.00002440
Kountze	0.00013144	Lindsay	0.00000819
Kress	0.00000124	Lipan	0.00000029
Krugerville	0.00001005	Lipscomb County	0.00006755
Krum	0.00006441	Little Elm	0.00046217
Kurten	0.00000457	Little River-Academy	0.00000532
Kyle	0.00034557	Littlefield	0.00005119
La Feria	0.00006921	Live Oak	0.00021826
La Grange	0.00006416	Live Oak County	0.00026478
La Grulla	0.00001139	Liverpool	0.00000957
La Joya	0.00005638	Livingston	0.00048777
La Marque	0.00065953	Llano	0.00015414
La Porte	0.00061022	Llano County	0.00077098
La Salle County	0.00009983	Lockhart	0.00032700
La Vernia	0.00002144	Lockney	0.00002201
La Villa	0.00000381	Log Cabin	0.00001307
La Ward	0.00000214	Lometa	0.00000784
LaCoste	0.00000106	Lone Oak	0.00001136
Lacy-Lakeview	0.00007733	Lone Star	0.00005522
Ladonia	0.00001341	Longview	0.00321503
Lago Vista	0.00009179	Loraine	0.00000125
Laguna Vista	0.00002459	Lorena	0.00002260
Lake Bridgeport	0.00000154	Lorenzo	0.00007572
Lake City	0.00001945	Los Fresnos	0.00007457
Lake Dallas	0.00016876	Los Indios	0.00000106
Lake Jackson	0.00050521	Los Ybanez	0.00000000
Lake Tanglewood	0.00000409	Lott	0.00001011
Lake Worth	0.00013368	Lovelady	0.00000166
Lakeport	0.00000308	Loving County	0.00000667
Lakeside	0.00002982	Lowry Crossing	0.00000522
Lakeside City	0.00000148	Lubbock	0.00213244
Lakeview	0.00000285	Lubbock County	0.00919813
Lakeway	0.00021104	Lucas	0.00003511
Lakewood Village	0.00000371	Lueders	0.00000339
Lamar County	0.00094399	Lufkin	0.00187728
Lamb County	0.00033788	Luling	0.00019614

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Lumberton	0.00024406	Mildred	0.00000191
Lyford	0.00002047	Miles	0.00000062
Lynn County	0.00004183	Milford	0.00004118
Lytle	0.00004815	Miller's Cove	0.00000064
Mabank	0.00012962	Millican	0.00000278
Madison County	0.00032995	Mills County	0.00013288
Madisonville	0.00007639	Millsap	0.00000023
Magnolia	0.00017354	Mineola	0.00032480
Malakoff	0.00008409	Mineral Wells	0.00061374
Malone	0.00000293	Mingus	0.00000126
Manor	0.00008333	Mission	0.00083178
Mansfield	0.00100525	Missouri City	0.00139755
Manvel	0.00008204	Mitchell County	0.00013900
Marble Falls	0.00024692	Mobeetie	0.00000034
Marfa	0.00000043	Mobile City	0.00001356
Marietta	0.00000225	Monahans	0.00003899
Marion	0.00000183	Mont Belvieu	0.00013113
Marion County	0.00036485	Montague County	0.00063197
Marlin	0.00014423	Montgomery	0.00001256
Marquez	0.00000882	Montgomery County	0.01800607
Marshall	0.00072247	Moody	0.00000552
Mart	0.00000619	Moore County	0.00027084
Martin County	0.00007241	Moore Station	0.00000514
Martindale	0.00001625	Moran	0.00000034
Mason	0.00000518	Morgan	0.00000403
Mason County	0.00002089	Morgan's Point	0.00002070
Matador	0.00000802	Morgan's Point Resort	0.00005349
Matagorda County	0.00090159	Morris County	0.00035552
Mathis	0.00010480	Morton	0.00000111
Maud	0.00000282	Motley County	0.00002229
Maverick County	0.00077280	Moulton	0.00000666
Maypearl	0.00000658	Mount Calm	0.00000403
McAllen	0.00242949	Mount Enterprise	0.00001222
McCamey	0.00000361	Mount Pleasant	0.00043790
McCulloch County	0.00013347	Mount Vernon	0.00004033
McGregor	0.00006103	Mountain City	0.00001032
McKinney	0.00300256	Muenster	0.00003104
McLean	0.00000010	Muleshoe	0.00003273
McLendon-Chisholm	0.00000274	Mullin	0.00000256
McLennan County	0.00353094	Munday	0.00001365
McMullen County	0.00000667	Murchison	0.00001535
Meadow	0.00000747	Murphy	0.00034595
Meadowlakes	0.00000603	Mustang	0.00000005
Meadows Place	0.00012098	Mustang Ridge	0.00001642
Medina County	0.00032237	Nacogdoches	0.00137328
Megargel	0.00000407	Nacogdoches County	0.00132389
Melissa	0.00010254	Naples	0.00002816
Melvin	0.00000230	Nash	0.00005333
Memphis	0.00004802	Nassau Bay	0.00007498
Menard	0.00000661	Natalia	0.00000417
Menard County	0.00009811	Navarro	0.00000223
Mercedes	0.00014294	Navarro County	0.00069009
Meridian	0.00002364	Navasota	0.00025117
Merkel	0.00006745	Nazareth	0.00000082
Mertens	0.00000159	Nederland	0.00029724
Mertzon	0.00000020	Needville	0.00006894
Mesquite	0.00207139	Nevada	0.00000158
Mexia	0.00014064	New Berlin	0.00000003
Miami	0.00000303	New Boston	0.00004635
Midland	0.00347900	New Braunfels	0.00204875
Midland County	0.00186618	New Chapel Hill	0.00000192
Midlothian	0.00063866	New Deal	0.00000226
Midway	0.00000052	New Fairview	0.00001556
Milam County	0.00064924	New Home	0.00000006
Milano	0.00000602	New Hope	0.00000683

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New London	0.00002753	Pantego	0.00008598
New Summerfield	0.00000294	Paradise	0.00000035
New Waverly	0.00001708	Paris	0.00134120
Newark	0.00000347	Parker	0.00006871
Newcastle	0.00000609	Parker County	0.00317503
Newton	0.00004068	Parmer County	0.00010577
Newton County	0.00105338	Pasadena	0.00237691
Neylandville	0.00000109	Pattison	0.00000765
Niederwald	0.00000011	Patton Village	0.00006178
Nixon	0.00001522	Payne Springs	0.00001180
Nocona	0.00011024	Pearland	0.00222501
Nolan County	0.00033508	Pearsall	0.00007713
Nolanville	0.00002831	Pecan Gap	0.00000480
Nome	0.00000261	Pecan Hill	0.00000153
Noonday	0.00000151	Pecos	0.00005081
Nordheim	0.00000464	Pecos County	0.00031331
Normangee	0.00004128	Pelican Bay	0.00000799
North Cleveland	0.00000070	Penelope	0.00000277
North Richland Hills	0.00097613	Penitas	0.00000208
Northlake	0.00005937	Perryton	0.00015576
Novice	0.00000051	Petersburg	0.00001127
Nueces County	0.00911955	Petrolia	0.00000011
Oak Grove	0.00001846	Petronila	0.00000003
Oak Leaf	0.00000408	Pflugerville	0.00057606
Oak Point	0.00006007	Pharr	0.00096481
Oak Ridge	0.00000239	Pilot Point	0.00007742
Oak Ridge North	0.00022341	Pine Forest	0.00002596
Oak Valley	0.00000005	Pine Island	0.00002094
Oakwood	0.00000099	Pinehurst	0.00021781
O'Brien	0.00000050	Pineland	0.00002759
Ochiltree County	0.00010317	Piney Point Village	0.00010492
Odem	0.00004947	Pittsburg	0.00013684
Odessa	0.00372775	Plains	0.00000086
O'Donnell	0.00000018	Plainview	0.00040198
Oglesby	0.00000020	Plano	0.00767739
Old River-Winfree	0.00014435	Pleak	0.00000180
Oldham County	0.00006879	Pleasant Valley	0.00000206
Olmos Park	0.00006534	Pleasanton	0.00019341
Olney	0.00004059	Plum Grove	0.00000172
Olton	0.00000798	Point	0.00001013
Omaha	0.00002790	Point Blank	0.00000236
Onalaska	0.00021103	Point Comfort	0.00000298
Opdyke West	0.00000319	Point Venture	0.00000392
Orange	0.00207560	Polk County	0.00247221
Orange County	0.00459879	Ponder	0.00000855
Orange Grove	0.00001118	Port Aransas	0.00020681
Orchard	0.00000578	Port Arthur	0.00245297
Ore City	0.00004538	Port Isabel	0.00006534
Overton	0.00005267	Port Lavaca	0.00007835
Ovilla	0.00008927	Port Neches	0.00025899
Oyster Creek	0.00006422	Portland	0.00051011
Paducah	0.00000084	Post	0.00001555
Paint Rock	0.00000094	Post Oak Bend City	0.00000689
Palacios	0.00009358	Poteet	0.00004512
Palestine	0.00118672	Poth	0.00002649
Palisades	0.00000160	Potter County	0.00247801
Palm Valley	0.00001279	Pottsboro	0.00008201
Palmer	0.00008444	Powell	0.00000074
Palmhurst	0.00003107	Poynor	0.00000786
Palmview	0.00005052	Prairie View	0.00005067
Palo Pinto County	0.00083081	Premont	0.00002214
Pampa	0.00044818	Presidio	0.00000098
Panhandle	0.00006357	Presidio County	0.00000525
Panola County	0.00053799	Primera	0.00001972
Panorama Village	0.00000861	Princeton	0.00012830

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**  
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Progreso	0.00005381	Rogers	0.00002545
Progreso Lakes	0.00000026	Rollingwood	0.00003169
Prosper	0.00015180	Roma	0.00011086
Providence Village	0.00000338	Roman Forest	0.00005740
Putnam	0.00000009	Ropesville	0.00001415
Pyote	0.00000015	Roscoe	0.00000519
Quanah	0.00000138	Rose City	0.00002675
Queen City	0.00003225	Rose Hill Acres	0.00001541
Quinlan	0.00004869	Rosebud	0.00000993
Quintana	0.00000328	Rosenberg	0.00084395
Quitaque	0.00000006	Ross	0.00000098
Quitman	0.00010413	Rosser	0.00000366
Rains County	0.00035460	Rotan	0.00000995
Ralls	0.00002644	Round Mountain	0.00000303
Rancho Viejo	0.00002557	Round Rock	0.00317328
Randall County	0.00185417	Round Top	0.00000093
Ranger	0.00008124	Rowlett	0.00066642
Rankin	0.00001075	Roxton	0.00000031
Ransom Canyon	0.00000620	Royse City	0.00015663
Ravenna	0.00000456	Rule	0.00000534
Raymondville	0.00004978	Runaway Bay	0.00004621
Reagan County	0.00016810	Runge	0.00000170
Real County	0.00003382	Runnels County	0.00022554
Red Lick	0.00000015	Rusk	0.00011994
Red Oak	0.00017895	Rusk County	0.00100927
Red River County	0.00019537	Sabinal	0.00001207
Redwater	0.00000705	Sabine County	0.00030986
Reeves County	0.00068900	Sachse	0.00015600
Refugio	0.00005892	Sadler	0.00000616
Refugio County	0.00030811	Saginaw	0.00021315
Reklaw	0.00000758	Salado	0.00002140
Reno	0.00002527	San Angelo	0.00357673
Reno	0.00007443	San Antonio	0.02910277
Retreat	0.00000034	San Augustine	0.00016788
Rhome	0.00008190	San Augustine County	0.00025236
Rice	0.00001315	San Benito	0.00026677
Richardson	0.00173543	San Diego	0.00007847
Richland	0.00000140	San Elizario	0.00005221
Richland Hills	0.00016292	San Felipe	0.00000999
Richland Springs	0.00001490	San Jacinto County	0.00131599
Richmond	0.00051737	San Juan	0.00019230
Richwood	0.00008075	San Leanna	0.00000024
Riesel	0.00000745	San Marcos	0.00217125
Rio Bravo	0.00005699	San Patricio	0.00002809
Rio Grande City	0.00017298	San Patricio County	0.00181277
Rio Hondo	0.00002367	San Perlita	0.00001479
Rio Vista	0.00002946	San Saba	0.00006704
Rising Star	0.00001289	San Saba County	0.00011708
River Oaks	0.00007945	Sanctuary	0.00000011
Riverside	0.00000572	Sandy Oaks	0.00006575
Roanoke	0.00000183	Sandy Point	0.00001091
Roaring Springs	0.00000307	Sanford	0.00000205
Robert Lee	0.00000057	Sanger	0.00014825
Roberts County	0.00000364	Sansom Park	0.00000149
Robertson County	0.00029761	Santa Anna	0.00000219
Robinson	0.00012002	Santa Clara	0.00000058
Robstown	0.00026770	Santa Fe	0.00022181
Roby	0.00000285	Santa Rosa	0.00001426
Rochester	0.00000449	Savoy	0.00001566
Rockdale	0.00013982	Schertz	0.00040073
Rockport	0.00036168	Schleicher County	0.00003797
Rocksprings	0.00000017	Schulenburg	0.00001707
Rockwall	0.00076205	Scotland	0.00000098
Rockwall County	0.00112547	Scottsville	0.00000472
Rocky Mound	0.00000187	Scurry	0.00000740

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**  
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Scurry County	0.00048744	Stephens County	0.00023496
Seabrook	0.00020180	Stephenville	0.00055648
Seadrift	0.00000660	Sterling City	0.00000042
Seagoville	0.00011404	Sterling County	0.00000626
Seagraves	0.00005021	Stinnett	0.00002731
Sealy	0.00013758	Stockdale	0.00000494
Seguin	0.00251025	Stonewall County	0.00001215
Selma	0.00014953	Stratford	0.00005585
Seminole	0.00010728	Strawn	0.00000658
Seven Oaks	0.00002611	Streetman	0.00000003
Seven Points	0.00004968	Sudan	0.00000021
Seymour	0.00009478	Sugar Land	0.00214374
Shackelford County	0.00000859	Sullivan City	0.00004081
Shady Shores	0.00000396	Sulphur Springs	0.00083068
Shallowater	0.00001271	Sun Valley	0.00000003
Shamrock	0.00002886	Sundown	0.00001728
Shavano Park	0.00002119	Sunnyvale	0.00002165
Shelby County	0.00073283	Sunray	0.00001714
Shenandoah	0.00031415	Sunrise Beach Village	0.00001389
Shepherd	0.00000098	Sunset Valley	0.00006283
Sherman	0.00220390	Surfside Beach	0.00004353
Sherman County	0.00005286	Sutton County	0.00004361
Shiner	0.00002695	Sweeny	0.00003002
Shoreacres	0.00000638	Sweetwater	0.00045498
Silsbee	0.00044295	Swisher County	0.00004834
Silverton	0.00000010	Taft	0.00003907
Simonton	0.00001270	Tahoka	0.00000287
Sinton	0.00015772	Talco	0.00000248
Skellytown	0.00000267	Talty	0.00006083
Slaton	0.00000103	Tarrant County	0.04114106
Smiley	0.00000437	Tatum	0.00000648
Smith County	0.00505974	Taylor	0.00038630
Smithville	0.00011339	Taylor County	0.00234052
Smyer	0.00000200	Taylor Lake Village	0.00000275
Snook	0.00000948	Taylor Landing	0.00000102
Snyder	0.00006012	Teague	0.00001143
Socorro	0.00007416	Tehuacana	0.00000008
Somerset	0.00001018	Temple	0.00187165
Somervell County	0.00038051	Tenaha	0.00003145
Somerville	0.00002537	Terrell	0.00099137
Sonora	0.00004891	Terrell County	0.00003824
Sour Lake	0.00011904	Terrell Hills	0.00006572
South Houston	0.00017080	Terry County	0.00016948
South Mountain	0.00000103	Texarkana	0.00128063
South Padre Island	0.00020420	Texas City	0.00199134
Southlake	0.00047231	Texhoma	0.00000104
Southmayd	0.00004731	Texline	0.00000576
Southside Place	0.00000590	The Colony	0.00076198
Spearman	0.00009333	The Hills	0.00000669
Splendora	0.00005171	Thompsons	0.00001264
Spofford	0.00000005	Thorndale	0.00001063
Spring Valley Village	0.00010936	Thornton	0.00000180
Springlake	0.00000002	Thorntonville	0.00000058
Springtown	0.00009496	Thrall	0.00000550
Spur	0.00000285	Three Rivers	0.00003112
St. Hedwig	0.00000074	Throckmorton	0.00000019
St. Jo	0.00004907	Throckmorton County	0.00003797
St. Paul	0.00000014	Tiki Island	0.00001452
Stafford	0.00050097	Timbercreek Canyon	0.00000246
Stagecoach	0.00002024	Timpson	0.00008428
Stamford	0.00000265	Tioga	0.00001593
Stanton	0.00002559	Tira	0.00000123
Staples	0.00000013	Titus County	0.00047074
Star Harbor	0.00000101	Toco	0.00000003
Starr County	0.00066597	Todd Mission	0.00001120

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**  
(Continued)

Tolar	0.00001579	Webster	0.00035468
Tom Bean	0.00001529	Weimar	0.00003887
Tom Green County	0.00188285	Weinert	0.00000156
Tomball	0.00023080	Weir	0.00000295
Tool	0.00009858	Wellington	0.00006074
Toyah	0.00000027	Wellman	0.00000255
Travis County	0.03135648	Wells	0.00000905
Trent	0.00000042	Weslaco	0.00049300
Trenton	0.00002059	West	0.00002348
Trinidad	0.00003906	West Columbia	0.00011972
Trinity	0.00015768	West Lake Hills	0.00011371
Trinity County	0.00070511	West Orange	0.00028301
Trophy Club	0.00019580	West Tawakoni	0.00004663
Troup	0.00005279	West University Place	0.00023115
Troy	0.00003546	Westbrook	0.00000029
Tulia	0.00005940	Westlake	0.00027693
Turkey	0.00000491	Weston	0.00000178
Tuscola	0.00000092	Weston Lakes	0.00000126
Tye	0.00001177	Westover Hills	0.00003006
Tyler	0.00482553	Westworth Village	0.00005228
Tyler County	0.00087828	Wharton	0.00021133
Uhland	0.00001030	Wharton County	0.00048592
Uncertain	0.00000123	Wheeler	0.00000298
Union Grove	0.00000663	Wheeler County	0.00017516
Union Valley	0.00000444	White Deer	0.00000849
Universal City	0.00018952	White Oak	0.00010204
University Park	0.00033889	White Settlement	0.00015536
Upshur County	0.00085533	Whiteface	0.00000104
Upton County	0.00005666	Whitehouse	0.00019345
Uvalde	0.00012292	Whitesboro	0.00012621
Uvalde County	0.00024162	Whitewright	0.00004732
Val Verde County	0.00078543	Whitney	0.00000048
Valentine	0.00000138	Wichita County	0.00368247
Valley Mills	0.00001486	Wichita Falls	0.00555049
Valley View	0.00001216	Wickett	0.00000058
Van	0.00004137	Wilbarger County	0.00036749
Van Alstyne	0.00029166	Willacy County	0.00016387
Van Horn	0.00000140	Williamson County	0.00797325
Van Zandt County	0.00165831	Willis	0.00016256
Vega	0.00000649	Willow Park	0.00017825
Venus	0.00006528	Wills Point	0.00029177
Vernon	0.00054225	Wilmer	0.00000284
Victoria	0.00056398	Wilson	0.00000008
Victoria County	0.00347257	Wilson County	0.00080689
Vidor	0.00063747	Wimberley	0.00000483
Vinton	0.00000415	Windcrest	0.00008605
Volente	0.00000222	Windom	0.00000724
Von Ormy	0.00000342	Windthorst	0.00002257
Waco	0.00341338	Winfield	0.00000193
Waelder	0.00002285	Wink	0.00000080
Wake Village	0.00000116	Winkler County	0.00040775
Walker County	0.00123083	Winnsboro	0.00019194
Waller	0.00007530	Winona	0.00000213
Waller County	0.00084137	Winters	0.00004153
Wallis	0.00001799	Wise County	0.00192716
Walnut Springs	0.00000122	Wixon Valley	0.00000294
Ward County	0.00045280	Wolfe City	0.00003644
Warren City	0.00000044	Wolfforth	0.00002681
Washington County	0.00055818	Wood County	0.00178032
Waskom	0.00003564	Woodbranch	0.00006412
Watauga	0.00022144	Woodcreek	0.00000239
Waxahachie	0.00101396	Woodloch	0.00000675
Weatherford	0.00138581	Woodsboro	0.00000754
Webb County	0.00336869	Woodson	0.00000081
Webberville	0.00000853	Woodville	0.00013560

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS  
(Continued)

Woodway	0.00017142	Yorktown	0.00003631
Wortham	0.00000251	Young County	0.00029413
Wylie	0.00076472	Zapata County	0.00037653
Yantis	0.00001381	Zavala County	0.00025431
Yoakum	0.00013473	Zavalla	0.00000726
Yoakum County	0.00023283		

- (b) The following is an informational listing of the pro-rata share of each region that the Texas Opioid Council will adopt when making an initial distribution of opioid abatement strategy allocations from a portion of the funds received by the Council from the settlement or other disposition of the Texas Opioid Multi District Litigation, In Re: Texas Opioid Litigation, MDL No. 2018-63587, in the 152nd District Court of Harris County, Texas or any other litigation or settlements involving the State of Texas as a litigant in opioid-related litigation in state or federal court.

Region	Share
1	0.05515633
2	0.07813739
3	0.17455365
4	0.03902955
5	0.02542550
6	0.09845317
7	0.07285670
8	0.03495025
9	0.09594819
10	0.09457202
11	0.01372268
12	0.03390769
13	0.00749727
14	0.01749546
15	0.02596578
16	0.01363928
17	0.03325101
18	0.05741368
19	0.01827600
20	0.00974842

## Part 18.

## CONTINGENCY AND OTHER PROVISIONS

**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, \$38,356,638 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.

**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.



**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IX  
GENERAL PROVISIONS  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Other Appropriations	\$ <u>106,784,888</u>	\$ <u>29,128,248</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS	\$ <u><u>106,784,888</u></u>	\$ <u><u>29,128,248</u></u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IX  
 GENERAL PROVISIONS  
 (Other Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Other Appropriations	\$ <u>301,184,640</u>	\$ <u>301,184,640</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS	\$ <u><u>301,184,640</u></u>	\$ <u><u>301,184,640</u></u>

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IX  
 GENERAL PROVISIONS  
 (All Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Other Appropriations	\$ <u>407,969,528</u>	\$ <u>330,312,888</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IX - GENERAL PROVISIONS	\$ <u><u>407,969,528</u></u>	\$ <u><u>330,312,888</u></u>



ARTICLE X

THE LEGISLATURE

Sec. 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the designated legislative agencies.

SENATE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.		
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: SENATE		
A.1.1. Strategy: SENATE	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
Grand Total, SENATE	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,637,047	\$ 3,670,871
Group Insurance	6,173,990	6,344,134
Social Security	2,985,867	3,013,635
Benefits Replacement	6,787	5,518
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 12,803,691	\$ 13,034,158

- 1. Purposes for Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Funds appropriated to the Senate may be expended for constitutionally authorized annual salaries for Members of the Senate and the Lieutenant Governor, per diem, other salaries and wages, consumable supplies and materials, current and recurring operating expenses, films, membership dues in any national or regional organization of legislative leaders, capital outlay, building repair and remodeling and other expenses of the Senate including interim expenses of the Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth Legislatures as may be authorized by law or by resolution.
- 2. Appropriation of Fees: Rental Space in Capitol Building.** The Senate shall charge a reasonable fee for rental of space within the State Capitol Building under its control and authority. Any fees so collected are appropriated for use by the Senate during the biennium covered by this Act.
- 3. Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated to the Senate for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Senate are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 63,424,345	\$ 71,521,070
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 63,424,345	\$ 71,521,070

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
A.1.1. Strategy: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	\$ 63,424,345	\$ 71,521,070
Grand Total, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	\$ 63,424,345	\$ 71,521,070

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 3,864,922	\$ 3,900,866
Group Insurance	9,643,628	9,903,689
Social Security	3,325,292	3,356,217
Benefits Replacement	5,267	4,282

Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 16,839,109	\$ 17,165,054
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1. **Purposes For Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Funds appropriated to the House of Representatives may be expended for Constitutionally authorized annual salaries for Members of the House of Representatives, per diem, other salaries and wages, consumable supplies and materials, current and recurring operating expenses, films, membership dues in the National Conference of State Legislatures and in any national or regional organization of legislative leaders, capital outlay, building repair and remodeling, and other expenses for the House of Representatives, including interim expenses of the Eighty-ninth and Ninetieth Legislatures as may be authorized by law or resolution.
2. **Appropriation of Fees: Rental Space in Capitol Building.** The House of Representatives shall charge a reasonable fee for rental of space within the State Capitol Building under its control and authority. Any fees so collected are appropriated for use by the House of Representatives during the biennium covered by this Act.
3. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the House of Representatives are appropriated to the House of Representatives for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the House of Representatives are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 16,454,368	\$ 16,454,368
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 16,454,368	\$ 16,454,368

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
(Continued)

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD	\$ 16,454,368	\$ 16,454,368
<b>Grand Total, LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD</b>	<u>\$ 16,454,368</u>	<u>\$ 16,454,368</u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 1,297,450	\$ 1,309,516
Group Insurance	1,725,281	1,771,895
Social Security	1,024,551	1,034,079
Benefits Replacement	<u>3,393</u>	<u>2,759</u>

<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 4,050,675</u>	<u>\$ 4,118,249</u>
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- 1. Purposes for Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Amounts appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board shall be budgeted by said Board pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 322, and any amendments there to including the payment of travel expenses and registration fees incurred by Budget Board members or members of its staff in attending meetings on issues regarding federal-state relations, those problems affecting state or local governments, and meetings sponsored by the Council of State Governments or any of its affiliated organizations, and contributions incident to membership in national or regional organizations of state governments.
- 2. Unexpended Balance.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Legislative Budget Board are appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Legislative Budget Board are appropriated to the Legislative Budget Board for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

- 3. Texas School Performance Reviews.** In view of the cost savings and efficiency measures accruing to school districts from School Performance Reviews, the Legislative Budget Board may enter into interlocal cost sharing agreements with school districts where districts requesting review will be responsible for up to 25 percent of the cost of such performance reviews. The Legislative Budget Board shall be solely responsible for the terms and conditions of the contracts and administration of the program. However, any such cost sharing contracts shall include the school as a third party. The financial responsibility of such schools shall be a direct obligation of the school to pay the vendor upon approval of the work product by the Legislative Budget Board.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 51,764,063	\$ 56,077,735
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 51,764,063</u>	<u>\$ 56,077,735</u>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	\$ 51,764,063	\$ 56,077,735
<b>Grand Total, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL</b>	<u>\$ 51,764,063</u>	<u>\$ 56,077,735</u>

**Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:**

<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 3,110,939	\$ 3,139,871

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Continued)

Group Insurance	4,828,298	4,951,919
Social Security	2,496,288	2,519,504
Benefits Replacement	<u>15,796</u>	<u>12,842</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<b>\$ <u>10,451,321</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>10,624,136</u></b>

**1. Purposes for Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Funds appropriated to the Legislative Council may be expended for payment of salaries and other necessary expenses to carry out the council's statutory powers and duties (including those powers and duties provided by Government Code Chapters 301, 323, 326. Government Code, Sections 531.203, 762.011, and 2053.004; and Election Code, Section 276.008) and to carry out responsibilities assigned pursuant to legislative resolution. Out of the funds appropriated above:

- a. \$1,000,000 each shall be transferred annually to the Senate and the House of Representatives for printing costs;
- b. \$50,000 each shall be transferred annually to the Senate and House of Representatives for moving expenses; and
- c. Out of funds appropriated above, the Legislative Council shall transfer to the chamber of the Legislature for which the Council estimates it has spent or will spend less money on bill analysis services during the 2026-27 biennium, as compared to the other chamber, an amount of funds equal to the difference in the amounts estimated by the Council as spent or to be spent on bill analysis services for each chamber of the Legislature.

**2. Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Legislative Council are appropriated to the Legislative Council for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

**3. Appropriation of Fees: Charges for Information Services.** In addition to other amounts appropriated, there is appropriated to the Legislative Council for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 2025, and September 1, 2026, any amounts received as charges under Government Code, Section 323.014(c).

**4. Transfers to Legislative Agencies.** The Legislative Council may transfer amounts, as appropriate, to the Commission on Uniform State Laws and to legislative agencies as determined by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ <u>163,547</u>	\$ <u>163,547</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ <u>163,547</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>163,547</u></b>

**This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.**

**Items of Appropriation:**

<b>A. Goal:</b> COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS	\$ <u>163,547</u>	\$ <u>163,547</u>
<b>Grand Total, COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS</b>	<b>\$ <u>163,547</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>163,547</u></b>



COMMISSION ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS  
(Continued)

- 1. Purposes for Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Funds appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws may be expended for payment of the contribution by the State of Texas to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and for payment of other necessary expenses of the commission in carrying out provisions of Government Code, Chapter 762, including the printing of the commission's report and travel expenses of members of the commission to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioner's on Uniform State Laws and travel to the state capitol on commission business.
- 2. Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Commission on Uniform State Laws are appropriated to the Commission on Uniform State Laws for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 3,670,728	\$ 3,670,727
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 3,670,728</u>	<u>\$ 3,670,727</u>
<b>This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.</b>		
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION	\$ 3,670,728	\$ 3,670,727
<b>Grand Total, SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION</b>	<u>\$ 3,670,728</u>	<u>\$ 3,670,727</u>
<b>Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:</b>		
<u>Employee Benefits</u>		
Retirement	\$ 263,529	\$ 265,980
Group Insurance	337,597	346,093
Social Security	<u>215,596</u>	<u>217,601</u>
<b>Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act</b>	<u>\$ 816,722</u>	<u>\$ 829,674</u>

- 1. Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.
- Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Sunset Advisory Commission are appropriated to the Sunset Advisory Commission for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
- 2. Appropriation to Sunset Advisory Commission Account.** The money that an entity is required by law to pay to the Sunset Advisory Commission to cover the costs the commission incurs in performing a review of the entity is appropriated to the commission for maintaining the operations of the commission.

STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 18,727,791	\$ 18,727,791
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Interagency Contracts	4,675,000	4,675,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 4,775,000	\$ 4,775,000
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 23,502,791	\$ 23,502,791

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: STATE AUDITOR		
A.1.1. Strategy: STATE AUDITOR	\$ 23,502,791	\$ 23,502,791
Grand Total, STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE	\$ 23,502,791	\$ 23,502,791

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 1,645,012	\$ 1,660,310
Group Insurance	2,316,093	2,374,770
Social Security	1,331,669	1,344,053
Benefits Replacement	7,466	6,070
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 5,300,240	\$ 5,385,203

1. **Appropriation of Interagency Contracts.** All funds transferred to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) pursuant to interagency contracts for services provided by the SAO are appropriated to the SAO during the fiscal year in which they are received and shall be used as provided by Government Code, Chapter 321.
2. **Appropriation of Appropriated Receipts.** All funds reimbursed to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) by governmental entities for the provision of services are appropriated to the SAO during the fiscal year in which they are received and shall be used as provided by Government Code, Chapter 321.
3. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the State Auditor's Office (SAO) from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.  
  
Any unobligated and unexpended balance remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the SAO from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the SAO for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.
4. **Notification of State Auditor Reports.** The State Auditor's Office shall provide copies of audit reports to the respective affected agencies and to the Legislative Audit Committee prior to public release of any audit or audit report.
5. **Audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners.** In accordance with Texas Government Code, Chapter 321, the State Auditor's Office (SAO) shall conduct a comprehensive financial audit of the State Board of Plumbing Examiners. The SAO shall provide an audit report, including all related findings, by September 1, 2026. The report should be provided to the Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 2,167,650	\$ 2,167,650
Other Funds		
Appropriated Receipts	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,425
Interagency Contracts	1,000	1,000
Subtotal, Other Funds	\$ 2,425	\$ 2,425
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 2,170,075	\$ 2,170,075

This bill pattern represents an estimated 100% of this agency's estimated total available funds for the biennium.

Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY		
A.1.1. Strategy: LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY	\$ 2,170,075	\$ 2,170,075
Grand Total, LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY	\$ 2,170,075	\$ 2,170,075

Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act:

Employee Benefits		
Retirement	\$ 140,189	\$ 141,492
Group Insurance	307,350	315,651
Social Security	115,463	116,537
Benefits Replacement	679	552
Total, Estimated Allocations for Employee Benefits and Debt Service Appropriations Made Elsewhere in this Act	\$ 563,681	\$ 574,232

1. **Purposes for Which Appropriations May Be Expended.** Funds appropriated to the Legislative Reference Library may be expended for library administration and services, for salaries and wages, travel, consumable supplies and materials, current and recurring operating expenses, capital outlay, books and periodicals, and other necessary expenses to be expended under the direction of the Legislative Library Board.
2. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2025, from appropriations made to the Legislative Reference Library from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the same purposes for the biennium beginning September 1, 2025.

Any unobligated and unexpended balances remaining as of August 31, 2026, from appropriations made to the Legislative Reference Library from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2026.

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	2026	2027
Method of Financing:		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 41,376,916	\$ 44,506,944
Total, Method of Financing	\$ 41,376,916	\$ 44,506,944
Items of Appropriation:		
A. Goal: EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
A.1.1. Strategy: RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 13,959,087	\$ 14,088,907
Retirement Contributions. Estimated.		

RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE  
(Continued)

<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE Group Insurance Contributions. Estimated.	<u>27,417,829</u>	<u>30,418,037</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 41,376,916</u>	<u>\$ 44,506,944</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u><u>\$ 41,376,916</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 44,506,944</u></u>

SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b> General Revenue Fund	<u>\$ 11,534,114</u>	<u>\$ 11,633,649</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 11,534,114</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,633,649</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT Comptroller - Social Security.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER State Match -- Employer. Estimated.	<u>\$ 11,494,726</u>	<u>\$ 11,601,627</u>
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Benefit Replacement Pay. Estimated.	<u>39,388</u>	<u>32,022</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	<u><u>\$ 11,534,114</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,633,649</u></u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	<u><u>\$ 11,534,114</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,633,649</u></u>

LEASE PAYMENTS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
<b>Items of Appropriation:</b>		
<b>Grand Total,</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>

SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE

- Sec. 2.
- (a)

A provision of the General Provisions of this Act that restricts or limits the use or transfer of appropriated funds, or that imposes a duty or places a limitation or condition precedent on a state agency, applies to entities and appropriations under this Article only to the extent that the provision by its terms specifically and expressly applies to those entities or appropriations. A general reference to "funds appropriated by this Act" or similar words is not specific and does not express application for purposes of this section.
- (b)

Notwithstanding other provisions in this Article, amounts appropriated under this Article may be transferred among entities covered by this Article:

(1)

in accordance with Government Code, Chapter 326; or,

(2)

under a written agreement executed by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.
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**SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
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**Sec. 3. Authorization to Spend Unexpended Balances.** Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, a legislative agency may only spend prior year balances with the approval of its respective governing board.

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE X  
THE LEGISLATURE  
(General Revenue)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2026	August 31, 2027
Senate	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
House of Representatives	63,424,345	71,521,070
Legislative Budget Board	16,454,368	16,454,368
Legislative Council	51,764,063	56,077,735
Commission on Uniform State Laws	163,547	163,547
Sunset Advisory Commission	3,670,728	3,670,727
State Auditor's Office	18,727,791	18,727,791
Legislative Reference Library	2,167,650	2,167,650
Subtotal, Legislature	\$ 207,200,190	\$ 223,846,228
Retirement and Group Insurance	41,376,916	44,506,944
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	11,534,114	11,633,649
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 52,911,030	\$ 56,140,593
TOTAL, ARTICLE X - THE LEGISLATURE	\$ 260,111,220	\$ 279,986,821

RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE X  
 THE LEGISLATURE  
 (Other Funds)

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
State Auditor's Office	\$ 4,775,000	\$ 4,775,000
Legislative Reference Library	<u>2,425</u>	<u>2,425</u>
Subtotal, Legislature	\$ 4,777,425	\$ 4,777,425
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 4,676,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,676,000</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE X - THE LEGISLATURE	<u>\$ 101,425</u>	<u>\$ 101,425</u>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE X**  
**THE LEGISLATURE**  
**(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31,	August 31,
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Senate	\$ 50,827,698	\$ 55,063,340
House of Representatives	63,424,345	71,521,070
Legislative Budget Board	16,454,368	16,454,368
Legislative Council	51,764,063	56,077,735
Commission on Uniform State Laws	163,547	163,547
Sunset Advisory Commission	3,670,728	3,670,727
State Auditor's Office	23,502,791	23,502,791
Legislative Reference Library	<u>2,170,075</u>	<u>2,170,075</u>
Subtotal, Legislature	\$ 211,977,615	\$ 228,623,653
Retirement and Group Insurance	41,376,916	44,506,944
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>11,534,114</u>	<u>11,633,649</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 52,911,030	\$ 56,140,593
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 4,676,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,676,000</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE X - THE LEGISLATURE	<u><u>\$ 260,212,645</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 280,088,246</u></u>



**ARTICLE XI**  
**AGENCY PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES NOT FUNDED**  
**ELSEWHERE IN THIS ACT**

Sec. 1. The following items represent additional programs and strategies that are not budgeted elsewhere in this Act. The descriptions and sums represented in this Article do not represent items of appropriation, but reflect the intent of the Legislature that funding of these programs and strategies be given consideration at such time as additional resources become available, through other legislation, updated revenue estimates, budget execution actions pursuant to Chapter 317, Government Code, or other approvals by the Eighty-eighth Legislature.

	<u>2026-27</u>
<b>Article I</b>	
<b>Commission on the Arts</b>	
Grant to Art in the Heart	\$ 2,500,000
Dallas Arts Organization Grants	\$ 200,000
Funding for the Houston Ballet	\$ 2,000,000
Digital Technology Instruction	\$ 500,000
Anderson Center for the Arts	\$ 5,000,000
Grant to Diaz Music Institute	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for HB XX (Children's Theater Grant Program) (Garcia)	\$ 575,000
<b>Office of the Attorney General</b>	
Modification to Rider 9, Victims Assistance Grants	\$ 3,766,696
Contingency for HB 246	\$ -
<b>Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas</b>	
Limitation of Research Funds	\$ -
<b>Comptroller of Public Accounts</b>	
Additional FTEs for Criminal Investigation Division	\$ 2,897,234
Criminal Investigation Division Safety Equipment	\$ 953,536
Critical Workforce Needs	\$ 785,226
Contingency for HB 2432	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2433	\$ -
<b>Fiscal Programs - Comptroller of Public Accounts</b>	
AI Analysis for Early Opioid Addiction Detection	\$ 500,000
Contingency for HB 13	\$ 250,000,000
Contingency for HB 3000	\$ 90,000,000
Contingency for HB 3605	\$ -
Contingency for HB 503	\$ 10,250,000
Broadband Infrastructure Expansion	\$ -
Loving, Ward, and Winkler Counties Broadband	\$ 9,800,000
Contingency for HB 1049 or HB 1056	\$ 27,920,000
Contingency for HB 318	\$ 300,000,000
<b>Commission on State Emergency Communication</b>	
Statewide 911 Analytics	\$ 2,636,000
<b>Texas Emergency Services Retirement System</b>	
FTEs for New & Existing Departments	\$ 315,480
Receptionist	\$ 86,690
Unfunded Liability of the Pension System	\$ 7,200,000
<b>Employees Retirement System</b>	
13th Check	\$ 512,000,000
Supplemental Adjustment – JRS Plan 1 and JRS Plan 2	\$ 9,400,000
13th Check (existing funds)	\$ -
Contingency for HB (Hayes)	\$ 6,750,000
<b>Texas Ethics Commission</b>	
Attorney III	\$ 230,448

**ARTICLE XI**  
**(Continued)**

	<b>2026-27</b>
Customer Service Representative & IT Support	\$ 231,211
Convert PT Auditor to FT	\$ 40,600
Website Upgrade (Phase II)	\$ 101,500
Contingency for HB 1804	\$ 467,940
<b>Facilities Commission</b>	
Flex Office Building	\$ 24,000,000
New Rider, Appropriation - Interlocal Cooperative Contracts	\$ -
New Rider, Rental Space in Capitol Complex	\$ -
New Rider, Construction Donations	\$ -
Guadalupe County Medical Center	\$ 12,000,000
TSU School of Law Construction	\$ 131,000,000
VelocityTX (Sutton Research Campus)	\$ 5,000,000
East Texas Memory Health Life Center	\$ 25,000,000
TSU School of Law Construction	\$ 120,000,000
Harris County Municipal Utilities District #390	\$ -
<b>Texas Public Finance Authority</b>	
<b>Trusted Programs with the Office of the Governor</b>	
Texas Semiconductor Innovation Fund	\$ 698,500,000
Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant	\$ 20,000,000
Governor's University Research Incentive Program	\$ 40,068,801
Texas Moving Image Industry Incentive Program	\$ 155,200,000
Border Region Police Departments	\$ 1,620,000
Community Buildings in Border Region	\$ 12,000,000
Interjurisdictional Criminal Investigations Program	\$ 2,000,000
Together We Learn	\$ 2,000,000
Trauma Recovery Centers Pilot Program	\$ 8,000,000
Increase Nonprofit Security Grant Program	\$ 8,000,000
Contingency for HB 3577	\$ 200,000,000
Contingency for SB 1356 (Funding transfer from TABC)	\$ 100,000
Texas Alcohol Tourism Development Advisory Committee	\$ -
Duval County Additional Technology Infrastructure	\$ -
Trade Office in Isreal	\$ 1,400,000
La Joya Coyote Drive Infrastructure Improvement	\$ 1,500,000
Additional Public Safety Through Improved Technology	\$ -
Peñitas Mobile Command Center	\$ 1,000,000
Border Region Fire Stations	\$ 2,458,750
City of Sullivan City Police and Fire Departments Equipment	\$ 300,000
Grant for Amarillo Regional Crime Center	\$ 2,000,000
Police and Fire Departments Equipment	\$ 300,000
Laredo Small Business Incentives	\$ -
Starr County Fire Service PPE & Equipment	\$ -
Karnes County Medical Examiner Office	\$ -
Kenedy County Additional Technology Infrastructure	\$ -
Increase Technology Infrastructure Grants	\$ 60,000,000
Radio Interoperability Funding	\$ 60,000,000
Anti-Gang Program Pilot Program	\$ 6,000,000
City of Rio Grande City Police Department	\$ -
Laredo Technology and Innovation Hub	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1268	\$ 25,000,000
Contingency for HB 169	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1781	\$ 10,000,000
Contingency for HB 2217	\$ 50,000,000
Contingency for HB 3010	\$ 200,000,000
Contingency for HB 3145	\$ -
Contingency for HB (Hefner)	\$ 20,000,000
Law Enforcement Secure Unmanned Aircraft Grant Program	\$ 20,000,000
Completion of Professional Athletics Complex	\$ -
Transfer to TEEES for Joint Activity Cyber Center	\$ -

ARTICLE XI  
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	2026-27
<b>Historical Commission</b>	
FTEs at State Historic Sites	\$ 2,780,571
FTEs for non-historic sites	\$ 3,652,761
Tax Credit Review Fees Allocation	\$ 530,000
Rider Appropriation Historic Infrastructure Sustainability Trust Fund	\$ -
Rider, Capital Budget Authority to Purchase Land and Other Property	\$ -
Rider, Continued Capital Budget Authority	\$ -
Texas Maritime Museum Grant	\$ 1,800,000
Sullivan City Cemetery	\$ 150,000
City of Hidalgo Historic Building Restoration Grants	\$ 2,500,000
Penitas Cemetery Parking Lot	\$ 200,000
Houston Museum of African American Culture: Restoration	\$ 30,000
Levi Jordan Plantation State Historical Site	\$ 30,000,000
Kress Building Renovation Grant	\$ 3,000,000
Ritz Theater Restoration	\$ 44,000,000
Galveston Historical Grants	\$ 100,000
Contingency for HB 3183/SB 283	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for HB 4103	\$ 2,000,000
Contingency for HB 752	\$ 3,000,000
Contingency for HB 3251/SB 1426	\$ 2,500,000
Contingency for SB 519	\$ 2,000,000
<b>Department of Information Resources</b>	
Continuation and Expansion of Cybersecurity Services	\$ 18,484,330
Rider 6 Revision/Vehicle Inspection Replacement Fees	\$ -
<b>Library &amp; Archives Commission</b>	
Professional Development	\$ 231,414
Inflationary Offset for IT	\$ 193,069
Inflationary Offset for SWCAP	\$ 171,671
Website Redesign	\$ 110,000
Texas Digital Archive Enhancements	\$ 355,020
History Trainer and Resource Coordinator	\$ 143,243
Statewide Information Services Training Coordinator	\$ 143,243
Technology Assistance and Cybersecurity Training	\$ 5,319,507
Sam Houston Research Center Assistance	\$ 127,000
Sullivan City Library	\$ 250,000
Rio Grande City Public Library	\$ -
Aldine Branch Library	\$ 5,000,000
TexQuest Digital Resources Requirements	\$ -
<b>State Office of Risk Management</b>	
New Strategy	\$ -
IAC Medical Fee Disputes	\$ 2,865,693
<b>Secretary of State</b>	
Dark Web Monitoring	\$ 568,726
Office 365 Transition	\$ 1,242,760
Additional Staff to Reduce Wait Times	\$ 2,360,504
Additional Staff for Indirect Administration	\$ 3,138,376
Website Redesign	\$ 5,240,352
Professional Development	\$ 595,875
Digitization Project	\$ 6,958,909
Agency Dashboard	\$ 5,673,660
Redaction Software	\$ 324,811
Cisco Training	\$ 660,359
Risk and Privacy Program	\$ 175,281
Data Center Services	\$ 1,414,807
Security Assessment	\$ 230,000
Contingency for HB 1152	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1321	\$ -
Contingency for HB 521	\$ -
Contingency for HB 559	\$ -

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Statewide Election Listing	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1218	\$ -
<b>Veterans Commission</b>	
Additional Staff - Claims Submissions	\$ 1,092,266
Additional Staff - Communications & Outreach	\$ 625,180
Additional Staff - Veteran Entrepreneurs	\$ 592,786
Additional Staff - Central Administration	\$ 4,769,398
Veteran Outreach and Information Management Project	\$ 5,457,282
Veterans Healthcare Partnership	\$ 1,000,000
Contingency for HB 1389	\$ 200,000
Contingency for HB 2193	\$ -
Contingency for HB (Garcia)	\$ 2,000,000
<b>Article I Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,357,513,966</b>
<b>Article II</b>	
<b>Department of Family and Protective Services</b>	
Sustain Current Caseloads for APS	\$ 29,977,717
Sustain Texas Family First Pilot	\$ 22,924,851
Improving Statewide Intake Operations	\$ 5,278,311
Lease Replacements	\$ 29,229,415
Implementation of New Case Management System	\$ 178,614,601
Interagency Background Check System	\$ 13,277,598
New Records Management System	\$ 23,582,095
Cybersecurity Protections and Technologies	\$ 11,542,229
Technical Debt	\$ 15,008,170
Data and Analytics Modernization	\$ 16,969,159
Automated Testing Tools	\$ 3,274,488
PAL Purchased Client Services	\$ 24,308,631
Data Exchange Warehouse for Community Based Care	\$ 6,000,000
Interoperability	\$ 6,000,000
Daily Rate for Supervised Independent Living	\$ 5,633,998
Adoption Assistance Program	\$ 7,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 1536	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for Senate Bill 513	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 215	\$ -
Contingency for House Bill 3555	\$ 150,000
Federal Funds Maximization	\$ -
Continued Transition of Services and Functions	\$ -
Employee Personal Property	\$ -
Maintaining Caseload Guidelines	\$ -
Reimbursement of Attorney Fees	\$ -
Transparency and Accuracy in Performance Measures	\$ -
Transparency in Investigative Activities	\$ -
<b>Department of State Health Services</b>	
Tuberculosis	\$ 21,191,906
Rabies	\$ 7,052,392
Emergency Medical Services Workforce	\$ 942,781
Community Health Workers	\$ 657,561
Reduce the Impacts of Tobacco-Related Cancers	\$ 2,750,000
Birth Defects Registry Surveillance Capacity	\$ 1,557,002
RAS Replacement	\$ 786,975
RAS Replacement - Information Technology	\$ 13,786,659
Starr County Memorial Hospital Gastrointestinal Procedures Suites	\$ -
Laredo Tuberculosis Control Efforts	\$ -
Starr County Memorial Hospital Inpatient Hemodialysis Treatments	\$ -
Sexually Transmitted Disease Testing Program	\$ 10,000,000
Emergency Medical Task Force	\$ 3,000,000
Future Healthcare Workforce Apprenticeship Support	\$ 10,000,000
Health Resources for Texas Schools Respiratory Emergencies	\$ 17,940,000
Starr County Memorial Hospital Emergency Medical Services	\$ -

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	<b>2026-27</b>
Starr County Memorial Hospital Operating Suites & Equipment	\$ -
Texas Biomed Center for Imaging and Innovation	\$ 30,200,000
Rio Grande Valley Research Facility Grant	\$ 30,000,000
Starr County Memorial Hospital Outpatient Department	\$ -
Healthcare Disparities	\$ 4,000,000
Starr County Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Diagnostic and Treatment Rooms	\$ -
Whole Blood Expansion	\$ 4,000,000
Bereavement Care Program	\$ 5,000,000
Grants for Medically Complex Model of Care	\$ 5,000,000
Starr County Memorial Hospital Telemedicine Services	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1146	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1884	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for HB 1989	\$ 2,500,000
Contingency for HB 230	\$ 4,950,729
Contingency for HB 231	-
Contingency for HB 2995	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3801	\$ 8,000,000
Contingency for SB 1263	\$ 8,400,000
<b>Health and Human Services Commission</b>	
Additional Staff Information Technology	\$ 10,343,546
Contract Management Oversight & Support	\$ 7,243,735
Community Services	\$ 4,921,535
SB 24, 88R	\$ 15,975,542
Family Services Roadmap	\$ 2
Address Unmet Needs for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	\$ 2,789,646
Ensure Client Safety - Video Surveillance Re-procurement	\$ 15,226,778
Secure Safety Systems	\$ 11,664,370
Restore Funding for Inflationary Costs	\$ 14,970,346
Seat Management	\$ 22,939,875
Data Center Services	\$ 2
System of Contract Operation and Reporting (SCOR) Enhancements	\$ 9,607,531
Healthcare Training System	\$ 11,100,267
Legacy System Modernization	\$ 23,864,839
Data Stewardship	\$ 5,856,372
Compliance with State and Federal Data Analytic and Reporting Requirements	\$ 4,228,096
Expand Access to Clinical Data & Transition to Digital Quality Management	\$ 27,859,081
OIG - Modernize Surveillance Utilization Review Technology	\$ 3,091,704
OIG - Advanced Fraud Analytics	\$ 3,566,060
OIG - Intelligent Process Technologies	\$ 1,239,358
TCCO - Contract Rate Adjustment Costs	\$ 3,037,321
New Rider, Montgomery County Mental Health Treatment Facility	\$ -
New Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority for Certain Capital Projects	\$ -
Medicaid Therapy Services Reporting	\$ -
Community Mental Health Grant Programs, Psychiatric Medications for County Jail Inmates	\$ 1,500,000,000
Child Advocacy Center Programs and Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs	\$ 1,500,000
Funding for Childcare Licensing Automated Support System (CLASS) Enhancements	\$ 1,750,000
Rate Increase for Complex Rehabilitation Technology	\$ 27,200,000
Laredo Region Mental Health Center Project	\$ 100,000,000
San Antonio State Hospital Repairs and Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000,000
Access to Federal Data Services Hub	\$ 20,000,000
Charitable Care Clinics Grant Program	\$ 10,000,000
Charity Health Care Clinic Program	\$ 10,000,000
Child Protective Services Prevention	\$ 10,000,000
Hospital Rotation Internship Grants, Emergency Telemedicine	\$ 10,000,000
McLennan County Crisis Stabilization & Inpatient Services	\$ 10,000,000
Maternal Nutrition Support Services	\$ 30,000,000
YES Waiver	\$ 12,923,925
Informational Listing: Women's Health Funding	\$ 149,116,338
Community Partner Program	\$ 15,000,000

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	<b>2026-27</b>
Rate Increase for Physician Services and Telemedicine in Healthcare Professional Shortage	\$ -
Ares	
Home Visiting Program	\$ 19,500,000
Community Development	\$ 1,000,000
Expansion of Peer Support Services	\$ 1,000,000
Pediatric Child Care Facility Developmentally Appropriate Care	\$ -
Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Texas	\$ 2,500,000
City of Laredo Value-Based Primary Care Services for Diabetes and Hypertension	\$ -
Management	
Intermediate Care Facilities and Certain Waiver Providers	\$ 201,584,249
New Facilities in Dallas County, GR	\$ 20,000,000
New Facilities in Dallas County, Federal Funds	\$ 20,000,000
New Capacity for Mental Health Services and Inpatient Facilities	\$ -
Rate Increase for Nursing Facilities, Dietary and Administrative Subcomponents	\$ 533,918,217
Home-Delivered Meals	\$ 21,000,000
Improving Access to Autism Services	\$ 52,403,270
Expansion of Multi-Systemic Therapy for High-Risk Youth	\$ 21,000,000
Rate Increase for Applied Behavior Analysis Services and Report on Autism Services	\$ 52,403,270
Expansion of Access to Laredo Primary Care Services	\$ -
Intermediate Care Facilities and Certain Waiver Providers	\$ 555,074,178
Home-Delivered Meals	\$ 34,548,239
Hospital Payments	\$ 63,006,703
Rate Increase for Pediatric Therapy Services	\$ 129,098,370
Tarrant County Crisis Stabilization Services	\$ 26,979,173
988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Sustainability	\$ -
Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Stabilization	\$ 295,172,000
Community-based Wage Funding	\$ 295,172,299
Reducing Acute Care Stays for Behaviorally Complex Patient	\$ 5,015,500
Hospital Rotation Internship Grants, Chronically Ill Children	\$ 2,000,000
Tarrant County State Hospital	\$ 300,000,000
Health Information Exchange Image Enablement Grant Program	\$ 30,000,000
Psilocybin Study for Certain Mental Health Conditions	\$ -
Intellectual Disability Targeted Case Management	\$ 80,000,000
Grand Prairie State Hospital	\$ 324,800,000
Rates: Intermediate Care Facilities and Certain Waiver Providers	\$ -
Sunrise Canyon Hospital Operations	\$ 35,356,000
Vision Modernization Grants	\$ 3,000,000
Rural Hospital Safe Patient Handling Grant Program	\$ -
Recovery Housing	\$ 4,390,000
Electronic Health Record System Modernization	\$ 40,000,000
Colorectal Cancer Pilot Program	\$ 45,000,000
Burke Mental Health Emergency Center	\$ 4,000,000
Connecting Technology Services	\$ 4,000,000
Laredo ROOTS Recovery Center Project	\$ -
Maternal Mental Health Pilot Program	\$ 4,000,000
Behavioral Health Resource Availability Dashboard	\$ 5,300,000
Senior Recreation and Wellness Program - Community-based Nonprofit Organization	\$ 500,000
Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center	\$ 53,263,063
Re-establishment of a Mental Health Hospital Annex in Laredo	\$ -
Enhanced Capacity for Family Violence Services	\$ 5,000,000
Behavioral Health Infrastructure in Harris County	\$ 5,000,000
Community Mental Health Grant Programs	\$ 5,000,000
Local Maternal Health Grant Project	\$ 5,000,000
Substance Use Services for Veterans	\$ 5,000,000
Improving Access to Early Childhood Intervention for Infants and Toddlers	\$ 13,525,746
Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD) Outpatient Behavioral Health Services	\$ 6,800,000
2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network (TIRN)	\$ -
Crisis Stabilization Program	\$ 60,000,000
Informational Listing: Medicaid Client Services	\$ 166,432,456
2-1-1 Texas Information & Referral Network (TIRN) Area Information Center (AIC)	\$ 12,000,000
Operations	
Long-term Care Ombudsman	\$ 6,000,000
Uvalde Behavioral Health Campus	\$ 7,500,000

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	<b>2026-27</b>
Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams	\$ 7,800,000
Thriving Texas Families	\$ 70,000,000
Maintain Mental Health Service Capacity	\$ 73,800,000
Freestanding Psychiatric Hospital Reimbursement	\$ -
Rate Increase for Nursing Facilities	\$ 889,918,217
Thriving Texas Families	\$ 8,000,000
Family Violence Services	\$ 8,000,000
Rate Increase for Nutritional Formula	\$ 20,000,000
Vagus Nerve Stimulation Therapy	\$ -
Comal County Mental Health Facility	\$ 9,500,000
Rate Increase for Private Duty Nursing Services	\$ 469,352,812
Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services	\$ -
Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services	\$ -
Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services	\$ -
Base Wage Increase for Personal Attendant Services	\$ -
Payments to Health Centers for the Healthy Texas Women Program	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2299	\$ 200,000,000
Contingency for HB 1239	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1578	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1621	\$ 20,000,000
Contingency for HB 1716	\$ 1,200,000
Contingency for HB 1819	\$ 20,000,000
Contingency for HB 1955	\$ 7,200,000
Contingency for HB 2202	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2227	\$ -
Contingency for SB 206	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2298	\$ 250,000
Contingency for HB 2516	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2677	\$ 40,000,000
Contingency for HB 2925	\$ 2,000,000
Contingency for HB 2994	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3269	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3529	\$ 10,435,947
Contingency for HB (Orr)	\$ 50,000,000
Contingency for HB 3717	\$ 50,000,000
Contingency for HB 38	\$ -
Contingency for HB 381	\$ -
Contingency for HB 426	\$ 2,113,116
Contingency for HB 720	\$ 1,500,000
Contingency for HB (Garcia)	\$ -
Contingency for HB (Rose)	\$ -
Contingency for SB (Oliveron)	\$ 25,000,000
Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Qualification Criteria for Certain Hospitals in Certain Counties	\$ -
Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Rates	\$ -
Disposition of Appropriation Transfers from State-owned Hospitals	\$ -
Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services in Medicaid Managed Care	\$ -
Appropriation of Unexpended Balances for Alternative Therapy Studies	\$ -
Appropriation Limitation Provision for Medicaid and CHIP Procurements	\$ -
ATLIS Interoperability Task Force	\$ -
Austin State Hospital Campus	\$ -
Public-Private Partnership for Redevelopment of Unused and Underutilized Parcels of the Austin State Supported Living Centers	\$ -
Behavioral Health Continuum in Travis County	\$ -
Credentialing for Providers Serving Vulnerable Populations	\$ -
Data Interoperability Assessment and Strategic Plan	\$ -
Health Information Exchange Image Enablement	\$ -
Healthcare Innovation Waiver for Rural Women and Children's Preventative Health Screenings	\$ -
Transfer Authority: Healthy Texas Women	\$ -
Institutions of Mental Disease Exclusion Waiver	\$ -
Thriving Texas Families, Payment Method Models	\$ -
Maternal Lactation Consultation Impact Study	\$ -

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	<b>2026-27</b>
Maximize Federal Funds for Maternal Home Visiting Services	\$ -
Medicaid Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy Services Reporting	\$ -
Medicaid Fraud Prevention	\$ -
Medicaid Program Integrity Assurance	\$ -
Nursing Facility Base Rate Method of Finance Adjustment	\$ -
Out-stationed Eligibility Staff	\$ -
Outstationed Worker Program Placement	\$ -
Thriving Texas Families, Parenting in Recovery	\$ 5,000,000
Pilot Program for Discharge and Appropriate Care Settings for Individuals with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness and Co-occurring Conditions	\$ -
Primary Care Payment Modernization Stakeholder Advisory Group	\$ -
Report on Medicaid Eligibility Determinations	\$ -
Reprocurement of the MMIS Claims Module	\$ -
Rural Hospital Telepsychiatry Consultations	\$ -
STAR+PLUS and MDCP Waiver Financial Eligibility Verification	\$ -
State Funds for Family Violence Medical Reimbursement	\$ -
Diabetes Prevention Program	\$ -
Substance Abuse Provider Rate Increase	\$ -
Terminate Nursing Facility Direct Care Enhancement Program	\$ -
Operation and Service Grants for In-state Children's Freestanding Psychiatric Facilities	\$ -
Medicaid Residency Verification Program	\$ -
Safe Haven Awareness Campaign	\$ 4,000,000
Revision to Rider 33	\$ -
Revision to Rider 35	\$ -
<b>Special Provisions Relating to All Health and Human Services Agencies</b>	
New Rider, Unexpended Balance Authority for Certain Capital Projects	\$ -
<b>Article II Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 8,390,816,362</b>
<b>Article III - Public Education</b>	
<b>Texas Education Agency</b>	
New Automated Case Management System For Investigations	\$ 1,468,911
Amend Rider 6, Windham Schools, Classroom bandwidth Connectivity	\$ 1,600,001
Partnership Grants	\$ 10,000,000
Amend Rider 6, Windham Schools	\$ -
Career and Technical Education Student Assistance Grant Program	\$ 15,000,000
Local Option Homestead Exemption Supplement	\$ 1,000,000,000
Dropout Prevention, Homeless Parents, and P-Tech Graduates Pilot	\$ 1,000,000
Student Postsecondary Preparedness Mentoring Pilot	\$ 1,000,000
N.E.X.T. Targeted Intervention Program	\$ 5,500,000
Texas Advanced Placement Initiative	\$ 24,000,000
Instructional Model Pilot	\$ 2,000,000
Screening for Dyslexia and Related Disorders	\$ 300,000,000
State Support for School Districts Under Conservatorship	\$ -
Teaching and Learning Conditions Survey	\$ 450,000
Telemedicine Nursing and Therapy in Schools Pilot Grant	\$ 4,000,000
Youth Mentoring and Enrichment Program	\$ 4,000,000
Increasing At-Risk Students' Access to Academic Remediation, AIM	\$ 5,725,000
Amend Rider 42, Los Mestēños Career Academy expansion	\$ 500,000
Vocational Training Facility for Youth in Juvenile Detention Pilot	\$ 500,000
School Health and Related Services Advisory Council	\$ 50,000
Community-based Boarding School Pilot	\$ 5,000,000
Kindergarten Readiness Grant Program	\$ 5,000,000
Appropriation for Military Independent School Districts	\$ 65,000,000
Early Reading Instruction Professional Development	\$ 6,000,000
Community-based Learning Centers	\$ 7,500,000
High School Athletic Facility Grant Program	\$ 90,000,000
Contingency for HB 1118	\$ 67,280
Contingency for HB 1149	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1157	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1192	\$ -



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Contingency for HB 120	\$ 160,000,000
Contingency for HB 1334	\$ 4,351,000
Contingency for HB 1876	\$ 3,800,000
Contingency for HB 190	\$ 250,000,000
Contingency for HB 1939	\$ 384,000,000
Contingency for HB 20	\$ 50,000,000
Contingency for HB 2243	\$ 15,000,000
Contingency for HB 2249	\$ 159,150,000
Contingency for HB 2249	\$ 63,660,000
Contingency for HB 248	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2689	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2764	\$ -
Contingency for HB 278	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2861	\$ 4,000,000
Contingency for HB 3099	\$ 10,090,080
Contingency for HB 3485	\$ 5,400,000
Contingency for HB 3627	\$ 800,000
Contingency for HB 3672	\$ 20,000,000
Contingency for HB 462	\$ -
Contingency for HB 494	\$ -
Contingency for HB 515	\$ 75,000,000
Contingency for HB 591	\$ 7,500,000
Contingency for HB 687	\$ 500,000
Increase for Gifted and Talented Funding	\$ 875,000
Contingency for HB XXX (Violence Interrupters Program)	\$ 5,000,000
Comprehensive Report on School Finance	\$ -
Limitation on Content in Instructional Materials (DEI)	\$ -
Contingency Rider: Military School Districts Impact Aid	\$ -
Prohibition on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Practices	\$ -
<b>Permanent School Fund Corporation</b>	
IT Projects: Cloud Services	\$ 730,000
IT Projects: PC/Laptop Replacement	\$ 260,000
IT Projects: Cybersecurity	\$ 1,000,000
IT Projects: IT Modernization	\$ 480,000
<b>School for the Blind and Visually Impaired</b>	
Blind Soccer Field	\$ 750,000
Technology/Information Resources Upgrade	\$ 1,351,000
<b>Teacher Retirement System</b>	
Contingency for HB 4029	\$ 37,000,000
<b>Article III - Public Education Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,816,058,272</b>
<b>Article III - Higher Education</b>	
<b>Higher Education Fund</b>	
HEF Increase	\$ 393,750,000
<b>Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board</b>	
Dental Education Loan Repayment Program	\$ 10,000,000
Texas Competency-Based Education Grant Program	\$ 10,000,000
Future Texas Teachers Scholarship Program	\$ 12,500,000
Adult Career Education Grant Program	\$ 2,000,000
Grant Programs Supporting Nursing Education and Training	\$ 42,448,000
Child Psychiatry Access Network Substance Use Pilot Program	\$ 4,000,000
Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program	\$ 4,000,000
College Emergency Evacuation Wheelchair Grants	\$ 500,000
Family Medicine-Obstetrics Postgraduate Training Grant Program	\$ 5,000,000
Psychiatry GME Expansion Program	\$ 8,100,000
TEXAS Grant, Texas Educational Opportunity Grants, and Tuition Equalization Grant programs	\$ 815,552,667

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Contingency for House Bill 1233	\$ -
Contingency for House Bill 184	\$ -
Contingency for House Bill 2081	\$ 1,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 2544	\$ 6,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 281	\$ 3,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 2992	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for House Bill 319	\$ -
Feasibility Study for Statewide System to Coordinate Clinical Nursing Rotations	\$ 2,000,000
Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium	\$ 98,802,370
<b>Texas Division of Emergency Management</b>	
Keeping Texas Prepared; Agency Support	\$ 17,000,000
Weather Forecasting Gap-Filling Radar Data	\$ 3,500,000
Contingency for House Bill 1144	\$ -
Multi-Jurisdiction Emergency Response Complex	\$ -
<b>General Academic Institutions/TSTCs/LSC</b>	
<b>Special Provisions Relating only to State Agencies of Higher Education</b>	
Performance-Based Funding for GAIs	\$ 423,106,298
<b>The University of Texas at Arlington</b>	
UTA West	\$ 60,000,000
Institute of Biomanufacturing and Precisions Medicine for North Texas (IMPRINT)	\$ 16,000,000
Artificial Intelligence for Research and Innovation in Science and Engineering	\$ 20,000,000
<b>The University of Texas System Administration</b>	
Texas Health Improvement Network	\$ 2,000,000
UT-REAL-Health-AI	\$ 30,000,000
Texas Quantum Computing & Electric Grid Innovation Fund	\$ 50,000,000
<b>The University of Texas at Austin</b>	
Texas Momentum Beyond the Year of AI	\$ 160,000,000
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center	\$ 1,500,000
Bureau of Economic Geology-Project STARR	\$ 1,500,000
Marine Science Institute	\$ 10,661,470
McDonald Observatory and Visitor Center	\$ 10,000,000
UTeach Fine Arts	\$ 1,045,618
Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program	\$ 2,500,000
Texas Lithium Resources	\$ 2,000,000
Texas PharmCare	\$ 2,000,000
Pharmacy Program Funding	\$ 5,000,000
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	\$ 650,000
Contingency for House Bill X (Seismic-Resistant Infrastructure Pilot Program)	\$ 2,500,000
<b>The University of Texas at Dallas</b>	
Fentanyl Detection Initiative	\$ 12,000,000
Callier Mobile Audiology Clinic	\$ 1,900,000
Center for Advanced Pain Studies	\$ 12,000,000
Re-Engage UTD	\$ 4,000,000
PTSD Innovations	\$ 6,000,000
<b>The University of Texas at El Paso</b>	
<b>The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</b>	
Starr County Upper-Level Center	\$ 290,000
Collaborative Law School Program	\$ 4,000,000
<b>The University of Texas Permian Basin</b>	
Workforce Education Center	\$ 2,675,000
STEM Education Center	\$ 28,000,000
Academic Excellence	\$ 8,058,602

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<b>The University of Texas at San Antonio</b>	
College of Artificial Intelligence, Computing, Cyber and Data Sciences	\$ 32,000,000
San Antonio Life Sciences Institute	\$ 14,000,000
Measuring Budgetary Impacts of Population Growth	\$ 7,000,000
<b>The University of Texas at Tyler</b>	
East Texas Teacher Training Initiative	\$ 4,800,000
<b>Stephen F. Austin State University</b>	
Engineering Technology	\$ 8,000,000
Entrepreneurship Expansion and Workforce Innovation	\$ 10,500,000
Nursing Workforce Initiative	\$ 8,500,000
Campus Capital Renewal and Modernization	\$ 150,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University System Administration</b>	
Energy Proving Ground	\$ 200,000,000
Easterwood Airport Runway	\$ 46,796,140
Ballistic, Aero-Optics, & Materials Range Phase II Infrastructure	\$ 31,300,000
Arthropod Research	\$ 140,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	
Meeting the State's Demand for a Texas A&M University STEM Degree	\$ 45,000,000
Citizenship and Service Initiative	\$ 5,000,000
Institute for Chronic Wasting Disease Research	\$ -
<b>Texas A&amp;M University at Galveston</b>	
Maritime Academy Workforce Development	\$ 16,000,000
<b>Prairie View A&amp;M University</b>	
Strengthening the Research Enterprise	\$ 10,000,000
Public and Allied Health	\$ 5,000,000
Juvenile Crime Prevention Center Expansion	\$ 1,000,000
Center Authority	\$ -
<b>Tarleton State University</b>	
College of Osteopathic Medicine	\$ 25,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University - Central Texas</b>	
Military Talent Pipeline	\$ 4,500,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University - Corpus Christi</b>	
Addressing Critical Statewide Challenges in Nursing and Mental	\$ 8,000,000
Texas Resilience and Innovation for Ports	\$ 5,000,000
Multi-Purpose Community Events Center	\$ 70,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University - San Antonio</b>	
Future-Proofing the Talent Pipeline for a Greater South Texas	\$ 10,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M International University</b>	
Civil Engineering and Computer Science: Addressing Texas' Transportation Infrastructure	\$ 6,000,000
<b>West Texas A&amp;M University</b>	
Behavioral Health Workforce Initiative	\$ 8,000,000
West Texas Water Resilience Center	\$ 4,000,000
<b>East Texas A&amp;M University</b>	
Competency-Based Education Expansion to Build a Strong Texas Workforce	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University - Texarkana</b>	
East Texas Rural Healthcare Initiative	\$ 5,996,368

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<b>University of Houston System Administration</b>		
Katy Academic Expansion	\$	20,000,000
Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) HRI Funding Request	\$	75,147,494
Perioperative Nursing Center of Excellence, Training, and Education	\$	15,000,000
Small Business Development Center (CBDC)	\$	2,312,126
<b>University of Houston</b>		
Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) HRI Funding Request	\$	75,147,494
Tatcho Mindiola Endowment and Center for Mexican American and Latino Studies	\$	20,000,000
PFA's Study Contingency	\$	-
<b>University of Houston - Clear Lake</b>		
Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities	\$	1,000,000
<b>University of Houston - Downtown</b>		
Center for Crime, Urban Research, and Education	\$	2,519,000
<b>University of Houston - Victoria</b>		
Sustainability Funding	\$	22,741,649
Small Business Development Center (CBDC)	\$	609,248
<b>University of North Texas System Administration</b>		
Better Together	\$	5,000,000
<b>University of North Texas</b>		
Texas Talent Pipeline	\$	50,000,000
Center for Integrated Intelligent Mobility Systems	\$	10,000,000
<b>University of North Texas at Dallas</b>		
Classroom to Career	\$	10,000,000
Future Focused Credentials	\$	2,500,000
<b>Texas Southern University</b>		
AI-Driven Excellence: Transforming Student Success	\$	6,567,780
Aerospace Engineering (Drone/Rocket)	\$	3,161,100
Research Focused on Maternal Mortality of Black Women and Infants	\$	12,000,000
Medical School Study	\$	200,000
Accreditation Continuation - Pharmacy	\$	4,000,000
Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network Contingency	\$	6,350,000
Thurgood Marshall School of Law Reporting Contingency	\$	-
<b>Texas Tech University System Administration</b>		
General Revenue Growth and Inflation Adjustment	\$	5,136,800
<b>Texas Tech University</b>		
Institute for One Health Innovation	\$	20,000,000
Strategic Enrollment	\$	5,000,000
Small Business Development Center (CBDC)	\$	1,026,090
Demonstration Reactor	\$	125,000,000
Spay/Neuter Pilot Program	\$	9,286,000
<b>Angelo State University</b>		
Student Achievement and Support 2.0	\$	6,770,000
<b>Midwestern State University</b>		
Small Business Development Center (CBDC)	\$	112,028
<b>Texas Woman's University</b>		
FAA Center for Excellence	\$	2,000,000
Institutional Transformation Additional Funding	\$	3,000,000
Center for Rural Health	\$	4,850,000

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	<u>2026-27</u>	
<b>Texas State University System Administration</b>		
Texas State University System Tuition Promise Plan	\$	30,000,000
<b>Lamar University</b>		
Nurses & Allied Health Programs	\$	15,000,000
Entrepreneurship, Innovation, & Economic Development	\$	10,000,000
Nursing & Allied Health Renovation	\$	20,000,000
Mary & John Gray Library Renovation	\$	22,600,000
<b>Sam Houston State University</b>		
SHSU - Polytechnic College Workforce Development	\$	10,000,000
SHSU School of Nursing Expansion	\$	24,000,000
Center for Intelligence and Crime Analysis (CICA) and Cyber Forensics and Intelligence Center (CFIC)	\$	5,000,000
<b>Texas State University</b>		
Texas State University Equity Funding	\$	50,000,000
Round Rock Higher Education	\$	5,000,000
Student Success Center	\$	4,000,000
STEM Pedestrian Overpass	\$	3,000,000
<b>Sul Ross State University</b>		
West Texas Water Research Center	\$	2,000,000
Academic Program Development	\$	10,000,000
<b>Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College</b>		
Academic Program Development Support	\$	10,000,000
<b>Lamar Institute of Technology</b>		
Technical Program Support	\$	1,500,000
Public Service and Safety Center	\$	10,000,000
<b>Lamar State College - Orange</b>		
Industrial Training Academy Building	\$	10,000,000
Technical Program Support	\$	1,500,000
Polk County Adult Post-Secondary Vocational Education	\$	1,500,000
<b>Lamar State College - Port Arthur</b>		
Technical Program Expansion	\$	1,500,000
Technical Program Building	\$	13,000,000
Madison Monroe Educational Building	\$	13,000,000
<b>Texas State Technical College System Administration</b>		
Statewide CDL Program Expansion	\$	7,693,260
Startup-Funding Comal/Guadalupe County	\$	19,387,928
Startup-Funding Denton County	\$	900,000
Contingency for HB238	\$	-
<b>Texas State Technical College - Harlingen</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	11,545,390
<b>Texas State Technical College - West Texas</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	12,083,390
<b>Texas State Technical College - Marshall</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	11,772,090
<b>Texas State Technical College - Waco</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	12,847,574
<b>Texas State Technical College - North Texas</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	10,131,422

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<b>Texas State Technical College - Fort Bend</b>		
CDL Program Expansion	\$	10,561,927
<b>Health Related Institutions</b>		
<b>Special Provisions</b>		
Health Related Institutions Funding - Clerkship Formula	\$	-
UTMB- Mission Specific - Health Systems Operations	\$	23,515,458
<b>The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center</b>		
Cell and Gene Therapy Center	\$	18,000,000
<b>The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston</b>		
Kidney Cardiovascular Care Initiative	\$	6,000,000
Aging & Technology Initiative	\$	5,000,000
McAllen Cervical Dysplasia and Cancer Stop Clinic	\$	2,523,124
Old Red Medical Museum	\$	16,000,000
DSH/UC	\$	-
<b>The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston</b>		
UTHealth Houston School of Behavioral Sciences	\$	21,000,000
Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute	\$	20,000,000
School of Behavioral Health Sciences	\$	21,000,000
<b>The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio</b>		
Substance Use Treatment Continuing Education Program	\$	1,000,000
School of Public Health	\$	20,000,000
<b>University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center</b>		
Cell Therapy Institute	\$	30,000,000
<b>University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler</b>		
Comprehensive Clinical Rehabilitation Sciences Initiative	\$	4,500,000
Inpatient Behavioral Health Beds	\$	7,750,000
<b>The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School</b>		
Texas HealthTech Immersive Learning Laboratory	\$	40,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M University System Health Science Center</b>		
Texas A&M Health Rural Engagement Program Expansion	\$	25,000,000
<b>University of North Texas Health Science Center</b>		
Operation Enduring Brain Health	\$	20,000,000
Advancing Innovative Technologies	\$	12,000,000
<b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center</b>		
Rural Cancer Center Collaborative	\$	50,000,000
<b>Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso</b>		
Clinic Building	\$	60,000,000
<b>University of Houston College of Medicine</b>		
College of Medicine	\$	30,000,000
Doctor of Optometry HRI Formula Funding Request	\$	75,147,494
<b>Public Community /Junior Colleges</b>		
Contingency for SB2110	\$	26,754,063
<b>Angelina College</b>		
Texas Community College Consortium	\$	1,125,000
<b>Dallas County Community College</b>		
Small Business Development Center	\$	1,053,914
STARLINK	\$	287,664

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<b>Houston Community College</b>	
Construction of Facilities	\$ 57,600,000
Workforce Program Growth Initiative	\$ 56,000,000
<b>Hill College</b>	
Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center Restoration to 2009-10 Funding	\$ 100,000
<b>Howard College</b>	
Southwest College for the Deaf	\$ 665,280
<b>Laredo Community College</b>	
Enhancing the Future Workforce of Texas	\$ 1,720,000
<b>Odessa College</b>	
Business Incubator	\$ 1,800,000
Administrative Costs	\$ 765,000
<b>San Jacinto College District</b>	
SJC Biomanufacturing Training Institute at Texas Medical School	\$ 30,000,000
Cybersecurity Security Operations Center	\$ 4,500,000
<b>Tyler Junior College</b>	
Emergency Preparedness Enhancements	\$ 8,000,000
Workforce/Technology Program Campus	\$ 7,200,000
Nursing/Allied Health Program Facility	\$ 3,500,000
<b>Temple Junior College</b>	
Semiconductor And Advanced Manufacturing Programs	\$ 8,200,000
<b>Wharton County Junior College</b>	
Facility Renovation And Salaries	\$ 2,290,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Research</b>	
Intelligent Agricultural Systems.	\$ 26,000,000
Contingency for HB1269	\$ 10,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension Service</b>	
Keeping Texas Prepared - Extension Agent Network	\$ 19,700,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M Engineering Experiment Station</b>	
Texas IGNITE: Innovative Growth in Next-gen AI Technology Ecosystems	\$ 130,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M Transportation Institute</b>	
Bolstering Research Capabilities to Solve Real-World Transportation Challenges	\$ 16,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M Engineering Extension Service</b>	
Advanced Workforce Training	\$ 8,000,000
Keeping Texas Prepared: Statewide Preparedness and Cyber Readiness	\$ 9,000,000
Disaster City Training Props	\$ 17,000,000
<b>Texas A&amp;M Forest Service</b>	
Keeping Texas Prepared: State Firefighting Capacity	\$ 29,950,000
Wildfire Reduction Grant Pilot Program	\$ 10,000,000
Wildfire Mitigation Technology	\$ 1,000,000
Cedar Hill Fire Station	\$ -
<b>Texas A&amp;M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory</b>	
Keeping Texas Prepared: Diagnostic Workforce for Disease Surveillance	\$ 3,272,000

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<b>Special Provisions Relating Only to Components of TSTC</b>		
<b>Special Provisions Relating Only to State Agencies of Higher Education</b>		
Contingency for Texas Healthcare Workforce Fund	\$	1,000,000,000
Prohibition on Unconstitutional Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs or Practices	\$	-
Diversity of Student Body at National Research Universities	\$	-
<b>Article III - Higher Education Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,105,811,320</b>
<b>Article III Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,921,869,592</b>
<b>Article IV</b>		
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$	-
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$	-
<b>Supreme Court of Texas</b>		
Children's Commission Attorney	\$	243,600
Program Specialist	\$	149,612
Chief of Staff	\$	406,000
Paralegals	\$	406,000
Travel Funding for Oral Arguments	\$	70,000
Local Mental Health Court Liaison Pilot Program Expansion	\$	1,453,500
<b>Court of Criminal Appeals</b>		
Recording of Oral Arguments	\$	96,000
Travel Reimbursements	\$	216,000
Research Attorney	\$	273,420
Administrator position	\$	273,420
Additional Expenses for New Hires	\$	15,810
Travel Reimbursements for Oral Arguments	\$	60,000
Inflationary Adjustment for Judicial Education	\$	400,000
<b>Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council</b>		
Improve Indigent Defense Practices and Procedures	\$	30,000,000
Business Court Operational Expenses	\$	7,465,496
Specialty Court Case Management System	\$	3,943,685
Replace Existing Legacy System - Texas Appellate Case Management System	\$	11,942,000
Attorney Pipeline Program	\$	8,941,793
Family Protection Representation Program	\$	47,548,803
<b>Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department</b>		
New Case Management System - Techshare	\$	188,454
New Case Management System - Axon	\$	170,000
Contingency for HB 1328	\$	-
<b>State Commission on Judicial Conduct</b>		
Administrative Assistant	\$	130,000
Investigator	\$	144,000
Computers and Equipment	\$	28,765
Attorney Dues & CLE	\$	7,034
New Case Management System	\$	72,320
<b>State Law Library</b>		
Restoration of Librarian Position	\$	127,720
<b>Article IV Subtotal</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>114,773,432</b>
<b>Article V</b>		
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$	-
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$	-
<b>Alcoholic Beverage Commission</b>		
Expand Data Governance to Support Operations and Industry Needs	\$	1,961,226



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	2026-27
Contingency for SB 1356	\$ 100,000
Texas Alcohol Tourism Development Advisory Committee	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3385	\$ 5,000,000
<b>Commission on Fire Protection</b>	
Compliance Division Supervisors	\$ 288,000
Compliance Clerical Assistants	\$ 200,000
Additional IT Division Support	\$ 126,000
Testing and Certification	\$ 360,000
Firefighter Training	\$ 400,000
IT Upgrades	\$ 160,000
Exempt Position	\$ 114,830
<b>Commission on Jail Standards</b>	
Cloud Maintenance and Security	\$ 38,000
Legacy Modernization	\$ 87,000
<b>Commission on Law Enforcement</b>	
Amend Rider 9, Texas Law Enforcement Peer Network	\$ 500,000
Minimum Standards and Accountability	\$ 1,153,472
Provide Legal Support FTEs	\$ 1,731,291
FTE to Manage Vehicle Fleet	\$ 314,756
FTEs to Establish Records Management Division	\$ 1,099,449
Innovation and Research FTEs	\$ 2,399,611
<b>Department of Criminal Justice</b>	
Restore Funding For Contract Prisons And Privately Operated State Jails	\$ 203,486,854
Contingency for HB XXX (Residential Reentry Centers Reintegration)	\$ -
CSCD Misdemeanor Placements	\$ 16,236,932
CSCD Service Level Projections	\$ 46,447,442
Learning Management System	\$ 4,092,000
Wellness Application	\$ 1,872,700
Redesigned CO Uniforms	\$ 20,107,768
Equipment for New Training Center	\$ 2,115,589
Employee Support and Training	\$ 2,384,470
Enhance Training Program	\$ 6,882,061
TCOOMMI Service Level Projections	\$ 5,893,386
TCOOMMI 180 Dual Diagnosis Beds	\$ 6,121,680
CMHC Service Level Projections	\$ 183,627,136
CMHC Capital Equipment	\$ 9,777,203
CMHC UTMB Pharmacy FTEs	\$ 1,887,586
CMHC UTMB Dental FTEs	\$ 6,684,785
CMHC TTUHSC Dental FTEs	\$ 1,024,135
CMHC TTUHSC Mental Health FTE	\$ 153,399
CMHC TTUHSC 5% Salary Increase	\$ 11,354,149
CMHC UTMB Employee Retention, Education, and Development	\$ 9,680,414
Capital Equipment	\$ 54,386,116
Information Technology Staffing Enhancement	\$ 13,994,952
Electronic Control Devices	\$ 7,788,409
BPP - Computer Replacements	\$ 294,176
<b>Juvenile Justice Department</b>	
Community Programming Continuum of Care	\$ 3,000,000
Harris County Youth Justice Reinvestment Program	\$ -
Contingency for SB 1171	\$ 778,060
Risk Based Funding Formula	\$ 37,338,920
Staff Wellness Counselor Expansion	\$ 481,600
Career and Technology Education Resources	\$ 5,044,800
Materials and Support for Learning Opportunities	\$ 2,561,800
Determinate Sentenced Offender Program	\$ 400,300
Body Scanners	\$ 1,420,000
Expand Community Based Programming Capacity	\$ 5,000,000
Update Local Detention Centers	\$ 30,000,000

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Expand Prevention and Intervention	\$ 6,000,000
Enhance GED Resources	\$ 761,800
Staff Training and Skills Building	\$ 675,000
OIG Abuse Neglect Exploitation (ANE) Investigation	\$ 2,187,296
OIG Administrative State Investigation	\$ 1,600,978
OIG Enhance Public Safety	\$ 3,848,978
OIG Criminal Investigation	\$ 2,755,332
OIG Gatehouse Operations	\$ 2,517,730
OIG Police Communications	\$ 187,200
OIG Training	\$ 1,232,188
OIG Investigative Support	\$ 1,209,744
<b>Military Department</b>	
State Tuition Assistance	\$ 15,000,000
State Military Tuition Assistance	\$ 831,851
Contingency for HB 1236	\$ -
Contingency for HB XXX (Professionalize the State Guard)	\$ -
Study on Electric Unmanned Aircraft	\$ -
<b>Department of Public Safety</b>	
Driver License Staffing - Operations and Appointments	\$ 122,144,261
Driver License Staffing - Call Center	\$ 57,073,931
Texas Highway Patrol - Protective Equipment	\$ 5,366,530
Highway Patrol - Taser Lease Costs	\$ 6,400,000
Improve Situational Awareness and Interoperability	\$ 19,895,000
Establish Forensic Cold Case Teams	\$ 13,697,313
Establish a DNA Investigation Program	\$ 5,867,024
Forensic Specialist FTEs	\$ 7,686,456
Operation Drawbridge	\$ 10,000,000
Rider Unexpended Balance Authority for Licensing Platforms	\$ -
Revise Rider 2, Capital Budget	\$ -
Revise Rider 3, Marked Vehicles	\$ -
Revise Rider 17, Hardship Stations	\$ -
Delete Rider 18, Appropriation Transfers	\$ -
Revise Rider 27, Estimate Appropriation for Handgun Licensing Program	\$ -
Revise Rider 29, Driver License Services Reporting	\$ -
Delete Rider 36, Crime Laboratory Cost Containment	\$ -
Revise Rider 37, Crime Laboratory Services	\$ -
Laredo Region Border Crossing Enhancements	\$ 1,500,000
Airports Used for Border Security Operations	\$ 10,000,000
Laredo Emergency Preparedness (OOG-TP)	\$ 12,000,000
Integrated Emergency Response Centers at Border Crossings	\$ 15,000,000
Use of Funding to Address Oilfield Theft	\$ -
Driver License Office	\$ 23,916,290
Waiver for Handgun License Fees and Driver License Fees	\$ 28,552,762
Funding for First Responders on the Texas-Mexico Border	\$ -
Special Threat Training Facility	\$ 5,300,000
Expanding Border Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services	\$ -
Local Law Enforcement Grant Project	\$ 6,000,000
Port Isabel-Cameron County Airport	\$ 7,000,000
Laredo Community Policing Initiatives	\$ -
Safe Communities & Violence Prevention Funding	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2325	\$ 100,000
Contingency for HB 1234	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1837	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1839	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3035	\$ 2,500,000
Contingency for HB 304	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3359	\$ 900,000
Contingency for HB 440	\$ -
<b>Article V Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 1,118,060,121</b>

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**Article VI**

**Department of Agriculture**

Agriculture Statewide Biosecurity Enforcement/Road Station Program	\$	18,171,854
Mexfly trappers vehicle fuel and operating costs	\$	600,000
Agricultural Export Support Program	\$	1,160,842
Computer and Equipment Software	\$	112,500
Cybersecurity and Privacy Resources	\$	1,589,118
TDA Website Review	\$	900,000
Freestanding Rural Charitable Pharmacy Pilot Program	\$	5,160,842
Amend Rider 20, Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections	\$	-
Amend Rider 22, Unexpended Balances with the Biennium	\$	-
Delete Rider 24, Plant Disease	\$	-
Amend Rider 30, Agriculture and Livestock Entry Point Inspection	\$	-
Amend Rider Article IX, Sec. 13.10, Earned Federal Funds	\$	-
Grants for South Texas Rural Housing Development	\$	15,000,000
Southeast Texas Food Bank	\$	20,000,000
Central Texas Food Bank	\$	2,000,000
Urban Food Desert Grants	\$	2,000,000
Greater Southeast Management District	\$	4,500,000
Jim Hogg County Urgent Care Medical Facility	\$	5,800,000
Farm Winery Marketing Assistance Fund	\$	5,000,000
Contingency for HB 3968	\$	500,000
Contingent Upon the Trade Agricultural Inspection Grant Program	\$	500,000
Texas Gulf Shrimp Industry Promotion and Protection	\$	2,000,000

**Animal Health Commission**

Veterinarian Additional Salary and Equity Adjustment, Vet IV FTEs	\$	1,022,000
Fleet Safety and Improvements, One Fleet Manager Position	\$	116,500
Ectoparasite Field Identification Laboratory	\$	272,552
IT Infrastructure Improvements and Additional Funding for Business Administrator, Replace switches, servers, and wireless access points	\$	134,300
IT Infrastructure Improvements and Additional Funding for Business Administrator, Business Analyst IV FTE	\$	233,100
Critical Central Administration Positions	\$	323,000
Cervid Health Program Support	\$	3,696,134
Spay and Neuter Pilot Program	\$	1,299,610
Contingency for HB 1417	\$	3,890,748

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

Administrative Support, Additional Staff Resources	\$	2,861,680
Bays & Estuaries Program	\$	2,800,000
Regional Stormwater Detention Basin	\$	25,000,000
Hydrogen Sulfide Monitoring	\$	2,000,000
Hydrogen Sulfide Assessment	\$	50,000
Lead Testing in School and Child Care Program Grants	\$	5,000,000
Contingency for HB 1237	\$	-
Contingency for HB 1499	\$	2,500,000
Contingency for HB 1682	\$	-
Contingency for HB 2048	\$	1,000,000
Contingency for HB 457	\$	-
Interbasin Transfer Permit Guidance	\$	-
Release of Salinity Studies and Review of Salinity Water Quality Standards	\$	-
Laredo Urban Heat Mitigation Initiatives	\$	-
Laredo Air Quality Initiative	\$	-
Laredo Green Urban Development Incentives	\$	-
Report and Monitoring on Upper San Saba River	\$	-
Frisco Exide Project Cleanup	\$	35,000,000

**General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board**

Alamo and Alamo Complex Preservation, Maintenance, and Operations UB	\$	124,048,874
State Match for Federal Coastal Texas Ecosystem Restoration Funding	\$	100,320,000

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	2026-27
Improve Cybersecurity Capabilities	\$ 1,783,583
Archival Collection Enhancement	\$ 1,344,393
Contingency for HB 1240	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1836	\$ -
Private Landowner Border Security Study	\$ -
Land Title Litigation Alternatives Study	\$ -
<b>Parks and Wildlife Department</b>	
Expansion/Improvement of Agency Network	\$ 1,250,000
Expanded Data Center Services	\$ 1,300,000
Develop Low Code Applications	\$ 1,400,000
Data Management Program	\$ 1,200,000
Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Software, Licenses/Resources	\$ 600,000
Software Procurements	\$ 2,000,000
Meadowcreek Village Park	\$ -
Grant for Coppell Old Town Facility Microgrid	\$ -
The Hill at Sims	\$ -
The Hill at Sims	\$ 1,000,000
The Hill at Sims	\$ 10,000,000
Towne Center Park	\$ 150,000
Andover Park	\$ 1,000,000
City of Pearland All-Abilities Play Space	\$ -
City of Rio Grande City Public Parks	\$ 1,000,000
E.L. Crain Park	\$ 1,000,000
Haden Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for American Legion Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for the City of Penitas	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Dylan Duncan Memorial Skate Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Sullivan City	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for the City of Pharr: All-Inclusive Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Zollie Scales Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Hope Park and Billy Leo Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Montie Beach Park	\$ 1,000,000
Grant for Warren Park	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for City of Farmers Branch: Mercer Park	\$ 2,100,000
Grant for Vestal Park	\$ 2,457,962
Grant for Vestal Park	\$ -
Grant for Community Center at Santa Maria Community Park	\$ 2,650,000
Grant for Fish Creek Linear Park	\$ 2,800,000
Grant for Southwestern Medical District	\$ 20,000,000
Grant for Southwestern Medical District	\$ -
Appropriation: Texas Farm and Rand Lands Conservation Program	\$ 28,000,000
Grant for Doss Park	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for Melrose Park	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for Mi Familia Park in Grand Prairie	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for Local Parks: Beaumont and Port Arthur	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for Local Parks: Cloverland and Tom Bass Parks	\$ 3,075,000
Grant for La Joya Youth Center	\$ 300,000
San Antonio Zoo – Texas HOME Exhibit	\$ 3,000,000
City of Alton	\$ -
City of Granjeno	\$ -
City of Hidalgo	\$ -
City of Mission	\$ -
City of Palmview	\$ -
Grants for Local Parks	\$ 53,000,000
Grant for Olmito Nature Park Nature Center	\$ 5,000,000
Grant for Senter East Park	\$ 5,000,000
Matching Grant for Stephen F Austin-Munson Historical Park	\$ 600,000
Grant for Thomas Jefferson Park	\$ 6,000,000
Grant for Pendleton Park Youth Center	\$ 7,200,000
Grant for Champion Trails Elm Fork Extension Phase II	\$ 7,000,000
Grant for Franklin Mountain State Park	\$ 7,000,000
Grant for Fair Park First	\$ 8,600,000

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State Park Development Pilot	\$ 9,000,000
Chinese Shrimp Importation Study	\$ -
Texas Shrimp Industry Study	\$ -
Falcon State Park	\$ -
Local Parks Grant: Gladys Porter Zoo	\$ 1,000,000
Cedar Hill Senior Center	\$ 2,000,000
Grant for a park in Primera	\$ 2,500,000
Grant for a park in Primera	\$ -
City of Palmhurst	\$ 500,000
Grant for Pendleton Park Youth Center	\$ 7,200,000
<b>Railroad Commission</b>	
Performance Measure Target Changes	\$ -
Rider 16, Informational Listing: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds	\$ -
Produced Water Injection Data Reporting System	\$ 7,685,824
Oil and Gas Authorized Pit Registration System	\$ 2,748,000
Oversight and Safety Regulatory Filing and Permitting Systems	\$ 6,288,068
GIS Cloud Upgrade	\$ 2,142,778
Microfilm Digitization	\$ 907,496
Data Center Services, maintain current obligations	\$ 2,997,132
Data Center Services, new project funding	\$ 4,731,265
Contingency for HB XXX (Dedicated Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup)	\$ -
<b>Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission</b>	
none	
<b>Soil and Water Conservation Board</b>	
Flood Control Dam Construction	\$ 50,000,000
Carrizo Cane Eradication	\$ 29,000,000
<b>Water Development Board</b>	
MatLab Facilities Expansion	\$ 576,000
Agency Digitization Initiative (ADI)	\$ 2,540,000
Data Center/Shared Technology Services (DCS)	\$ 2,744,229
Waller County Regional Stormwater Detention Basin	\$ 25,000,000
Resaca Restoration	\$ 2,000,000
Water Treatment Facility	\$ 1,500,000
Wastewater and Drainage Infrastructure Replacement	\$ 100,000,000
Fort Worth Water Infrastructure	\$ 10,000,000
Haltom City Water Infrastructure	\$ 10,000,000
North Richland Hills Water Infrastructure	\$ 10,000,000
Richland Hills Pipe Repairs	\$ 10,000,000
Watauga Water Infrastructure	\$ 10,000,000
Heather Glen Water Line Replacements	\$ 11,942,000
Carpenters Bayou Watershed Improvements	\$ 10,955,482
El Paso Water - Surface Water Augmentation Project	\$ 14,000,000
Petronila Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment System	\$ 14,000,000
Delta Region Water Management Project	\$ 15,000,000
Helms Stormwater Detention Basin Conveyance Project	\$ 15,000,000
Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project, Clear Creek Watershed	\$ 160,000,000
Lynchburg Pump Station	\$ 177,500,000
Funding for Water Plans in RGV	\$ 192,537,433
City of Rio Grande City Sewer Line Upgrades	\$ 1,000,000
Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities	\$ 2,500,000
Greens Bayou Watershed Bayou Channel Improvements	\$ 2,500,000
Waste Water Treatment Facility	\$ 2,500,000
Laredo Water Conservation Education	\$ 200,000
Cypress Trace Detention Basin	\$ 20,000,000
Kingwood Diversion Ditch Improvements	\$ 20,000,000
Fairgreen and High Meadow Water Line Replacements	\$ 21,040,500
Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project: Kickerillo Mischer-Preserve	\$ 22,441,055
South Mayde Creek Bypass Channel	\$ 22,000,000

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Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project: Senger Detention Basin	\$ 24,000,000
Texas Medical Center Emergency Plan and Water Supply	\$ 40,000,000
Lift Station Upgrades	\$ 5,300,000
City of Corpus Christi Emergency Water Supply Initiatives	\$ 50,000,000
Lake Houston Accumulated Siltation and Unexpended Balances	\$ 50,000,000
Leaky Pipe Replacement	\$ 510,000,000
Cypress Ditch Regional Flood Mitigation Project	\$ 54,000,000
Las Americas Industrial Park Water Tower Installation	\$ 5,000,000
Texas Rural River Authority Coalition Needs Assessments	\$ 5,000,000
West Little York Detention Basin Completion	\$ 6,523,762
Water Data Analytics Platform	\$ 6,600,000
TWDB Statewide Advanced Water Data Analytics Integration	\$ 6,600,000
Lake Livingston Dam Improvement	\$ 60,000,000
Wastewater Facility Treatment Infrastructure, City of Houston	\$ 65,000,000
Airline Improvement District Water Infrastructure	\$ 6,000,000
Drainage Improvements: Palm Valley	\$ 4,000,000
City of Penitas Lift Station	\$ 750,000
City of Weslaco Water and Drainage Improvements	\$ 8,000,000
Blue Bonnet Drainage Project	\$ 9,097,388
Funding for Emergency Water Interconnect	\$ 90,000
Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project, Jones Stormwater	\$ 9,000,000
Local Flood Mitigation and Control Grant Project, Cypress Park	\$ 9,000,000
Contingency for HB 1400	\$ 19,440,000
Direct Potable Reuse	\$ -
Petronila Drainage Improvements Project	\$ 3,937,500
Banco Morales Reservoir Surplus Water Impound	\$ -
Mapping and Line Locates	\$ 4,700,000
Laredo Region Water System Improvements	\$ -
Flood Infrastructure Projects	\$ -
Adaptive Management of Environmental Flow Standards	\$ 900,000
<b>Article VI Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,605,490,504</b>
<b>Article VII</b>	
<b>Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs</b>	
Delete Rider 13, Reporting on Weatherization Efforts	\$ -
Amend Rider 15, Funding to Address Youth Homelessness	\$ -
Affordable Housing Resources (1)	\$ 200,000,000
Affordable Housing Resources (2)	\$ 200,000,000
Feasibility Study to Address Homelessness	\$ 200,000
Solutions for Displacement and Gentrification	\$ 2,000,000
Collaborative Workforce Development	\$ 250,000
Community Services Construction Grant	\$ 5,000,000
Transitional Housing Program Funding	\$ 800,000
Contingency for HB 1966	\$ 350,000
Contingency for HB 2016	\$ 10,000,000
Contingency for HB 2746	\$ 700,000
Contingency for HB 2748	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for HB 2808	\$ 40,000,000
Contingency for HB 636	\$ 576,000
Contingency for HB 714	\$ 2,000,000
Laredo Affordable Housing Incentive Program	\$ -
<b>Texas Lottery Commission</b>	
Post-launch Support and Ongoing Maintenance	\$ 329,344
Unexpended Balance Authority for Bingo	\$ -
<b>Department of Motor Vehicles</b>	
New Rider, Capital Budget Transfer Authority for RTS Modernization	\$ -
Increase FTE Cap	\$ -
Contingency for House Bill 283	\$ -

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	<b>2026-27</b>
<b>Department of Transportation</b>	
Additional 299.0 Full-Time Equivalent positions	\$ -
Public Transportation Grants - 2020 Census Impacts	\$ 3,770,000
Brazos River Flood Gates West Gate Construction	\$ 140,000,000
Amtrak Heartland Flyer State Financial Support	\$ 7,056,238
Ship Channel Improvement Revolving Fund	\$ 200,000,000
Delete Rider 39, Limitation on Expenditures for High-speed Rail	\$ -
Add New Rider, Unexpended Balances Appropriation: Transportation Items and Acquisition of Capital Equipment and Items	\$ -
FM 1472 / Interstate 35 Highway Infrastructure Project	\$ 1,524,000,000
Improvements to San Marcos Regional Airport	\$ 10,000,000
Improvements to McKinney National Airport	\$ 10,000,000
Pedestrian Bridge Project	\$ 10,000,000
Pharr International Bridge	\$ 10,000,000
Runway Expansion at Weslaco Mid-Valley Airport	\$ 10,000,000
South Texas International Airport	\$ 10,000,000
Port of Mansfield Projects	\$ 12,000,000
Sharyland Water Supply Corporation Infrastructure Relocation	\$ 13,000,000
Improvements to McKinney National Airport	\$ 14,800,000
Railroad Grade Crossing Separation Project	\$ 166,000,000
Transportation of Students	\$ 1,000,000
Construction of Parking Structure	\$ 2,500,000
Southwestern Medical District Transformation Project	\$ 20,000,000
Transportation Infrastructure Fund	\$ 250,000,000
State Loop 195 Expansion	\$ -
TEXRail Medical District Expansion	\$ 25,000,000
Weslaco Bridge Construction	\$ 2,000,000
Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District Rail Rehabilitation	\$ 15,000,000
Texas State Railroad	\$ 30,000,000
Port of Harlingen Projects	\$ 31,450,000
Kendall County Weigh Station and Inspection Facility	\$ 34,000,000
Improvements to Arlington Municipal Airport	\$ 35,000,000
State Loop 335 Construction	\$ 3,000,000
Athens Municipal Airport Expansion Project	\$ 40,500,000
Nueces County Road 18 Improvements	\$ 407,416
Carrollton Quiet Zone Phase 3	\$ 5,500,000
Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station	\$ 500,000
Port of Harlingen Projects	\$ 53,710,000
Matching Grant for Henderson Road Project	\$ 56,700,000
State Highway 130 Toll Road Expansion Project	\$ 5,000,000,000
Anzalduas International Bridge	\$ 5,000,000
International Bridge Feasibility Study and Engineering Analysis	\$ -
Ranch Road 650 Overweight Corridor Improvement	\$ -
Texas Self-Sustaining Airports	\$ 5,000,000
Safe Streets Arlington	\$ 8,333,333
Henderson Overton Branch Rail Line Rehabilitation and Train Improvement	\$ 8,500,000
Emergency and First Responder Airport Facilities	\$ 8,000,000
Improvements to the Mid-Valley Airport	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1241	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1242	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2621	\$ 5,000,000
Contingency for HB 263	\$ 250,000,000
Contingency for HB 2699	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2763	\$ -
Statewide Advanced Air Mobility Strategic Plan	\$ 6,500,000
Contingency for HB 341	\$ -
Appropriation for Aviation Improvement Revolving Loan Program	\$ 50,000,000
Contingency for SB 1256	\$ 4,000,000
Contingency for SB 1555	\$ 5,000,000
Presidio International Bridge	\$ -
Right-Of-Way Acquisition	\$ -
Improvements to State Highway 67	\$ -
Funding for Freight Intelligent Transportation System	\$ 5,000,000

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Interstate 10 Deck Park Plaza Project	\$ 10,000,000
South Texas Parkway	\$ 12,500,000
Port of Brownsville	\$ -
Improvements to State Highway 342	\$ -
City of Glenn Heights Road Improvement Project	\$ -
Improvements to Lancaster Regional Airport	\$ -
FM 1382 Road Improvements	\$ -
Port Laredo Modernization	\$ -
Paving Improvement Projects at Certain Sea Ports	\$ -
Border Security, Emergency, and First Responder Airport Facilities	\$ 8,000,000
District Discretionary Funds	\$ -
<b>Texas Workforce Commission</b>	
Workforce Readiness Outreach and Youth Services, Grant Funding	\$ 10,000,000
Workforce Readiness Outreach and Youth Services, Authority & FTEs	\$ 5,432,910
Workforce Readiness Outreach and Youth Services, Federally Funded FTEs	\$ 1,104,106
Workforce Readiness Outreach and Youth Services, Personnel and Indirect Costs	\$ 4,059,265
Older Individuals Who Are Blind Program Client Services	\$ 9,434,759
Labor Market Information	\$ 687,136
Child Care Assistance Program	\$ 181,000,000
Apprenticeship Training Program - High-Demand Careers	\$ 1,000,000
Study on the Education and Retention of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	\$ 200,000
Mobile Statewide Workforce Development Pilot Program	\$ 2,000,000
Texas Rising Star Facilities Funding	\$ 3,000,000
Growing the Health Care Workforce Pipeline	\$ 2,500,000
Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation Support	\$ 6,000,000
Contingency for HB 1843	\$ -
Contingency for HB 2294	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3059	\$ -
Contingency for HB 3191	\$ -
Contingency for HB (Orr)	\$ 4,000,000
Child Care Services Program Expansion	\$ 5,800,000,000
Contingency for HB (Hinojosa)	\$ -
Laredo Vocational Education Partnership Project	\$ -
Laredo Workforce Development	\$ -
<b>Article VII Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 14,635,350,507</b>
<b>Article VIII</b>	
<b>State Office of Administrative Hearings</b>	
Increasing IT Software Costs	\$ 387,416
<b>Behavioral Health Executive Council</b>	
Texas Psychology Licensing Exam, Initial Design	\$ 125,000
Additional Staff	\$ 836,360
<b>Office of Injured Employee Counsel</b>	
Early Assistance Program	\$ 424,620
<b>Board of Chiropractic Examiners</b>	
Increased Internet Bandwidth	\$ 36,000
<b>Funeral Services Commission</b>	
Agency Automation	\$ 330,000
<b>Texas Department of Insurance</b>	
Additional Operational Staff	\$ 12,313,969
SFMO Equipment and Travel	\$ 1,174,700
Operational IT Projects	\$ 2,450,000
IT Ongoing Price Increases	\$ 6,466,424
Federally Qualified Health Center Primary Care Access Pilot	\$ 8,000,000
Guidelines Licensing Contract	\$ 4,800,000
Contingency for HB 1576	\$ -



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Contingency for HB 2467	\$ 1,791,532
Breast Cancer Advocate	\$ 250,000
<b>Office of Public Insurance Counsel</b>	
COPA Program	\$ 400,000
Additional Attorney	\$ 132,083
<b>Department of Licensing and Regulation</b>	
Cyber Security Projects	\$ 1,438,000
Financial Crimes Investment Center - IT Costs	\$ 4,022,847
New Helpdesk System	\$ 150,000
Agency Computer Replacement	\$ 522,068
AI Customer Service	\$ 500,000
Weather Modification Research and Development Fund	\$ 500,000
Contingency for HB 1838	\$ -
<b>Texas Medical Board</b>	
HEALS Case Management System	\$ 10,131,895
Inflationary Increases and Expert Panelists	\$ 1,827,163
Ongoing IT Operations	\$ 3,618,280
Contingency for HB 1578	\$ -
<b>Board of Nursing</b>	
Additional Staff	\$ 1,898,000
Information Technology Upgrades	\$ 4,785,000
Texas Center for Nursing Workforce Studies	\$ 426,548
Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses	\$ 320,000
<b>Board of Pharmacy</b>	
Additional Staff	\$ 2,104,659
Information Technology Upgrades	\$ 78,330
Training and Conferences	\$ 158,500
New Rider, 6. Cybersecurity Response	\$ 300,000
<b>Executive Council of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Examiners</b>	
IT Upgrades and Maintenance	\$ 67,645
<b>Board of Plumbing Examiners</b>	
Relocation	\$ 675,000
Increase in Lease Cost	\$ 88,325
Improving IT	\$ 167,000
<b>Racing Commission</b>	
Legacy Database Replacement	\$ 3,737,795
New Rider, Peace Officer Classification	\$ -
New Rider, Recruiting Officers with Previous Experience	\$ -
New Rider, Cash Flow Contingency	\$ -
<b>State Securities Board</b>	
Recover Lapsed Funds	\$ 477,848
Maintain IT Software Licenses	\$ 168,000
Termination Payments	\$ 434,606
<b>Public Utility Commission of Texas</b>	
Additional Staff	\$ 7,467,500
Infrastructure Resilience and Reliability	\$ 700,000
Additional Texas Energy Fund Staff	\$ 1,410,700
Power to Choose Website	\$ 500,000
Texas Energy Fund	\$ 3,000,000,000
Contingency for HB 1318	\$ -
Contingency for HB 1353	\$ -
Contingency for SB 1513/ HB 1359	\$ 250,000,000
Contingency for HB 1407	\$ -

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	<u>2026-27</u>
<b>Office of Public Utility Counsel</b>	
Data Analytics Team	\$ 2,400,000
<b>Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners</b>	
New Database Expansion	\$ 500,000
<b>Special Provisions Relating to All Regulatory Agencies</b>	
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$ -
Prohibition on Certain Practices or Programs	\$ -
<b>Article VIII Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,341,106,397</b>
<b>Grand Total, All Articles</b>	<b>\$ 42,484,980,881</b>

## **ARTICLE XII. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

If any section, sentence, clause or part of this Act shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Act; and it is hereby declared to be the intention of the Legislature to have passed each sentence, section, clause, or part thereof irrespective of the fact that any other sentence, section, clause or part thereof may be declared invalid.

## **ARTICLE XIII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE**

The importance of the legislation to the people of the State of Texas and the crowded condition of the calendars in both Houses of the Legislature create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and said Rule is hereby suspended; and this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.