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ARTICLE II - Amendment Floor Report for SB 1- Thursday, April 6, 2017

Author	Analysis	Recommendation
<p>Rep. Howard P. 83 851152</p>	<p>This amendment adds 3 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees to HHSC. Funding for this comes from reducing \$250,000 in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 from DFPS strategy B.1.1. CPS Direct Delivery Staff.</p> <p>It also puts \$250,000 into HHSC System Supports to be used for the Office of Ombudsman to perform duties related to the foster care system.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hernandez P. 84 850916</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits the use of DFPS funds for licensing immigrant family detention centers as childcare facilities. There is currently a push to license Texas' two immigrant detention centers as DFPS childcare facilities, which would result in longer durations of detainment for children. Prolonged detainment in an immigrant family detention center can expose children to unnecessary risk that may result in negative psychological, emotional, or physical health effects. Additionally, immigrant detention centers do not meet all DFPS licensing requirements and safety standards and therefore should not be licensed by the department.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Anchia P. 85 851016</p>	<p>This amendment allows for excess general revenue funds at the end of FY 2019 to be transferred to the Department of Family Protective Services for the use of decreasing CPS caseloads.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Minjarez P. 86 851008</p>	<p>This amendment mandates a study via DFPS in collaboration with the LBB on services to be provided to foster care youth who have been victims of sex trafficking. This would assist DFPS in determining placement capacity of this population. Recommendations would be made for the number of statewide facilities needed for sex trafficking victims based off this study. Despite the growing awareness about this problem, there has still been little done this session to address the issue. This amendment would be a first step in implementing laws that may begin to help these victims.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

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<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 87 851033</p>	<p>This amendment would move \$800,000 from Article IX Border Security to Article II DFPS Family Support Home Visiting Programs. These home visiting programs support low-income expectant mothers by allowing DFPS workers to deliver evidence based parenting classes to them directly in their homes. The delivery of these programs increases safety and security for these children as well as parenting preparedness for the mothers.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 88 851062</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits the use of funds for contracts that privatizes the foster care system. This applies to contract on or after the effective date and does not limit existing contract with private entities. The privatization of CPS would impede accountability in caring for Texas' vulnerable children.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 89 851057</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$3,600,000 from Article IX Baseline Border Security and re-appropriates it to Article II for the DFPS Healthy Outcomes through Prevention and Early Support (HOPES) Program. Project HOPES is a community-based program that provides child abuse and neglect prevention services that target families with children between zero to five years of age in high risk counties. These localized programs have a significant impact on addressing child abuse and neglect through preventative services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 90 851063</p>	<p>This Amendment appropriates \$61,410,897 to the CPS Direct Delivery Staff strategy in the Department of Family and Protective Services. These funds are appropriated by reducing \$61,410,897 from border security, specifically a 50-hour work week for all Department of Public Safety (DPS) law enforcement officers statewide. This amendment would further reduce for DPS- Border Security by the same amount (\$61,410,897) for the 18-19 fiscal biennium.</p> <p>This amendment would ensure that adequate funding is appropriated to children in need and aid the CPS Direct Delivery Staff strategy.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Swanson P. 91-94 851132</p>	<p>This amendment instructs DFPS to create a grant programs to award grants to faith-based community foster care agencies; the grants are not to exceed \$300,000 per agency for a two-year period. This further exacerbates the intention of privatization of the foster care system by awarding state funds to private agencies. It also includes no stipulations on whether the faith-based groups could impose their religious beliefs upon foster children or families, potentially leading to discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, etc.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Swanson P. 95 851099</p>	<p>This amendment allows for foster parents and former foster youth under the age of 21 to be reimbursed for costs related to obtaining a driver's license. This will include fees for education and liability insurance reimbursements, receipts must be provided to DFPS. This will support foster parents with transporting the youth, as well as former foster youth with obtaining and maintaining employment.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hinojosa P. 96 851212</p>	<p>This amendment strikes \$9,150,000 from Alternatives to Abortion and moves it to Department of Family Protective Services. Increased DFPS funding is critical to ensure safety and security of children in Texas, especially at a time when the agency is experiencing various administrative difficulties.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Walle P. 97-98 851207</p>	<p>This amendment instructs DFPS to conduct a study for the purpose of recommending reasonable caseload goals, including minimum and maximum caseloads, for CPS caseworkers. Improving CPS caseworker caseloads is an important objective for improving the CPS and foster care systems. Have reasonable caseloads prevent caseworkers from experiencing burnout and help them in better serving the children and families that are most vulnerable.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 99 851181</p>	<p>Contingent on passage of HB 39, this amendment appropriates \$1 for each year of the FY 2018-2019 biennium for funds relating to child protective services functions. It also reduces \$1 for each year from HHSC Central program support. This amendment in the future could allow for a larger budgetary sum in order to obtain necessary funds should this bill be made into law.</p> <p>HB 39 is an omnibus bill that strengthens the CPS and foster care functions in several ways as introduced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates a workforce development program for foster care youth and former foster care youth • Increases the timeliness of initial medical assessments of foster care youth • Protects the identities of current or former DFPS caseworkers, investigators, and contracted employees • Creates a liaison office between DFPS and non-profit contractors • Creates a caseload management system that assigns a risk score to a child's case and recommends a caseworker's caseload based on the risk score • Requires that CPS caseworkers have Trauma-Based Care training • Addresses support for caseworker "secondary trauma" • Creates a university collaboration on a best practice guide for CPS • Requires DFPS to create a risk of harm assessment and risk score for children prior to court hearing • Adds stipulations for emergency placement 	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 100 851182</p>	<p>Contingent upon passage of HB 39 or a similar legislation, this amendment appropriates \$12 million for both FY 2018 and 2019 to be used towards implementing the legislation.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 101 851234</p>	<p>This amendment allows DFPS to allocate \$1,000,000 in grant funds to nonprofit community partnerships in order to assist them with conservatorship and adoption promotion. The amendment lays out reporting requirements and methods for DFPS to follow in providing the grants. At this time any support in aiding a child in foster care towards achieving adoption or permanency is key to the well-being of that child.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Wu P. 102 851236</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$5.7 million per fiscal year to Article II to fund a Placement Capacity Management System for DFPS. To fund this, funds would be reduced by \$11.4 million from the Department of Information Resources for Statewide Information Technology and Cyber Security Initiatives in Article IX. This was included in DFPS exceptional items as item 4B. DFPS would implement this portal system in order to promote effective placement and tracking foster care placement capacities and serve as a case management system.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 103 851184</p>	<p>Contingent upon passage of HB 7, this amendment appropriates \$1 for each year of the fiscal biennium 2018-2019. In the future, this amendment could allow for a larger budgetary sum in order to obtain necessary funds should this bill pass.</p> <p>HB 7 is an omnibus bill that would implement additional rules in court proceedings for CPS cases that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a risk assessment scale • Requires foster care placement agencies to notify all persons involved in a child’s case in relation to transportation of the child • Clarifies roles of various persons involved in CPS court cases 	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 104 851239</p>	<p>Contingent upon passage of HB 7, this amendment appropriates \$1,113,377 in FY 2018 and \$886,034 in FY 2019 to fund the stipulations of the bill.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P. 105 851200</p>	<p>This amendment adds a Litigation Involving Child Welfare Services Providers section to the Other Reporting Requirements rider (Rider 7). The added section requires The Department of Family and Protective Services to notify the LBB and the governor, in a timely manner, about any pending litigation against the department or any entity providing child welfare services under contract with department. This amendment increases accountability and awareness regarding DFPS litigation.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Dukes P. 106 851094</p>	<p>This amendment limits spending on support costs for the DFPS Nursing Family Partnership Program (NFP) and Texas Home Visiting Programs to not exceed 20% of their appropriated funds. These programs allow low-income first time parents to receive vital parenting education curricula in their homes. This amendment would ensure that overhead costs are limited to their necessity and remaining funds are allocated for direct program implementation, service delivery, and salary.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P. 107 851146</p>	<p>This amendment mandates that DFPS produce a report on faith-based community partnerships and report to appropriate entities by October 1 of both FY 2018 and FY 2019. The report <u>shall</u> include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of DFPS partnerships with faith-based organizations • The items of expense on which appropriations for faith-based partnerships in 2018-2019 are being expended (Including expenditures for FTEs) • Percentage distribution of faith traditions including denominations and volunteer faith-based organizations • Percentage distribution of services that volunteer faith-based organizations are providing 	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Account of complaints the Department has received related to volunteer faith-based organizations <p>This amendment will promote accountability and transparency in between DFPS and faith-based partnerships.</p>	
<p>Rep. Schaefer P. 108 850935</p>	<p>The amendment moves \$8.3 million from the smoking cessation program into the School Success Initiative. The two worthy yet underfunded areas of the budget should not be forced to compete for the same dollars, especially at a time when there is considerable money available for other programs of less importance.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Stickland P. 109 850997</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$4,150,000 from the DSHS smoking cessation program to help fund charter schools. Texas' smoking cessation program provides great public benefit to individuals and communities, functioning as preventive health care that can help mitigate the need to treat any of the numerous negative side effects of smoking. Rather than put money into charter schools, many of whom are not fully accountable with their expenses, the money should stay with DSHS and the smoking cessation program where it has proven to be effective.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Stickland P. 110 851001</p>	<p>The amendment cuts \$16 million from the DSHS smoking cessation program over the course of the 2018-2019 biennium. Smoking causes serious health problems in Texas including increased risk of cancer, heart attacks, and strokes. Reducing the unhealthy outcomes that result from smoking is beneficial to individuals, and mitigating extra health costs that result from frequent smoking is a net financial positive for Texans.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Thierry P. 111 851242</p>	<p>This amendment strikes funding for Alternatives to Abortion in the amount of \$9,150,000 and transfers it to Strategy A.3.3 Children with Special Health Care Needs. Providing services to special needs is a worthy cause that deserves additional funding, while Alternatives to Abortion funds unlicensed and ineffective crisis pregnancy centers, whose primary purpose is to dissuade women from accessing abortion care.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hinojosa P. 112 851194</p>	<p>Funds are appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for Strategy A.1.2., Vital Statistics Unit, of Article II. The unit must issue a new birth certificate with a change to name and sex for a person who meets the following requirements.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Files a completed application with the vital statistics unit with a new birth certificate due to a change in sex Files and affidavit, along with the application, from a licensed physician to practice medicine in the United States stating that the applicant has undergone clinically appropriate treatment for the purposes of having gender confirmation surgery Was born in this state <p>The issuance of new birth certificates is extremely important for those undergoing gender confirmation surgery to be able to receive documentation that corresponds to their appropriate gender marker. Currently, individuals must have a court order before they can apply to change their gender marker on their birth certificate. Depending on where they live, it can be incredibly challenging to find a judge willing to give</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

	<p>this type of order. This amendment would allow transgender individuals to more easily update their birth certificate to reflect their gender identity.</p>	
<p>Rep. Krause P. 113 851250</p>	<p>This amendment seeks to redirect funds appropriated to the Department of State Health Services for reducing the use of tobacco products to Human Trafficking Enforcement, a newly created section under the Department of Public Safety. The reductions from DSHS would be in the amount of \$8,247,196 for fiscal year 2018 and \$7,968,098 for fiscal year 2019, directly appropriated to DPS out of the General Revenue fund.</p> <p>Both of the aforementioned programs are important public health and safety issues, and adequate funding should be provided for each program. Asking members to decide which is a more pressing matter is bad policy.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Walle P. 114 851196</p>	<p>This amendment provides funding of \$209,510 for FY 2017 and \$227,238 for FY 2018 to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Taskforce. The amendment also maintains the 2 current full-time-equivalent employees (FTE) dedicated to working on the taskforce. Maternal mortality is a significant issue facing the state; in 2016, The Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology published a study revealing that Texas has the highest maternal mortality rate of any country in the developed world. Continued funding for the taskforce will allow for further investigation, strategizing, and program implementation aimed at reducing the maternal mortality rate.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez P. 115 850942</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates an additional \$50,000,000 for emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care systems. This increased funding could increase provision of and access to trauma services, especially in rural areas. The amendment also reduces base funding for border security in Article IX by \$100,000,000. This money could be reinvested into other strategies in the budget that would be more beneficial for Texas families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 116 851053</p>	<p>This amendment reduces border security funding by \$2,000,000 over the biennium and moves it to DSHS Strategy A.3.3., Children with Special Needs. Investing in services for children with special needs is imperative and should be prioritized in our budget.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Faircloth P. 117 851280</p>	<p>This amendment reduces \$4,000 for both FY 2018 and FY 2019 from the general revenue dedicated Oyster Sales Account, and appropriates those funds to the Texas A&M University at Galveston for the Texas Institute of Oceanography.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P. 118 851164</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that the collection of adolescent pregnancy rate data (performed under Article II, Goal B “Community Health Services”) must include data collection on the type of sexual education programming, including abstinence education, has been administered to the adolescent. Studies show that evidence-based sexual education is most effective at reducing teen pregnancy rates; this data collection can serve as a catalyst to influence policy change as it relates to evolving away from abstinence-only sexual education in the future.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Guillen P. 119 851179</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that \$250,000 from both FY 2018 and FY 2019 from Article II Strategy A.3.1. “Chronic Disease Prevention” be used to improve health outcomes for patients with end stage renal disease. While renal disease is a serious health issue that should be addressed, prioritizing its funding within Chronic Disease Prevention could come at a detriment to addressing other equally as critical chronic diseases.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hinajosa P. 120 851141</p>	<p>This amendment stands to increase the amount appropriated from the Department of State Health Services Vital Records Project, also known as TxEver, from \$2,500,000 to \$2,600,000.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miller P. 121 850899</p>	<p>Adds a Rider under the Department of State Health Services, Article II, stating that funds appropriated by this Act, shall review the department’s rules, regulations and licensing procedures for compounding outsourcing facilities registered under Section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. The department shall examine: how to better align state and federal regulations, achieve better compliance with the Drug and Security Act, and minimize regulatory overlap. Shall report findings to legislature no later than January 1, 2019. These facilities engage in the compounding of sterile drugs.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Arevalo P. 122 851102</p>	<p>Appropriates DFPS funds to create a pamphlet about the dangers of secondhand smoke to infants, newborns and other children. The pamphlet will be provided to health care providers and be printed in both English and Spanish. Information must be from reputable sources such as the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. VanDeaver P. 123 851334</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates money allotted to the Department of State Health Services (Strategy A.3.1) for Chronic Disease Prevention. The department will allocate \$1 million to the Potentially Preventable Hospitalization Program.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. King, P. P. 124 851116</p>	<p>This amendment would allow funds appropriated under Article II Strategy A.1.1. “Public Health Preparedness and Coordinated Services” to be used toward the creation of a grant program to provide financial assistance for costs associated with cremation or burial of fetal remains. This amendment attempts to address a nonexistent problem as fetal remains are already disposed of in a medically appropriate way. These funds could be better used addressing substantial issues facing Texans including DFPS shortfalls and maternal mortality.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P. 125 850927</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$16.7 million from the Department of Agriculture’s rural economic and development funds to HHSC, to pay for Crisis Pregnancy Centers funded through the Alternatives to Abortion strategy. Texas’ Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not properly regulated, sharing misinformation and lies about women’s health and pregnancies in a direct effort to impose anti-abortion ideology into women’s health care. The amendment hurts rural communities, and fails to advance health care for Texas women.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Lang P. 126 850921</p>	<p>This amendment would take \$8,350,000 from advertising and marketing for the Texas Lottery Commission and move it to Article II Strategy D.1.2. “Alternatives to Abortion”. Funding from the Texas Lottery Commission supports both public education and veteran initiatives, and it is imperative that their funding streams are maintained.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Thierry P. 127 850937</p>	<p>This amendment adds a contingency rider for HB 2402 or similar legislation relating to the development and administration of a psychiatric bed registry. From the funds appropriated for Community Mental Health Svcs-Adult (Strategy D.2.1.), this amendment allocates \$930,000. A psychiatric bed registry is necessary to increase efficiency.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Thierry P. 128 850936</p>	<p>This amendment is a Contingency Rider for HB 2402 or similar legislation relating to the development and administration of a psychiatric bed registry. A psychiatric bed registry is necessary to increase efficiency. This amendment reduces appropriations to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) by \$930,000 in state fiscal year 2018. It reduces appropriations to the department for other expenses by \$930,000 for state fiscal year 2018. It also reduces Article V appropriations to the Department of Public Safety proportionately across all strategies by a total of \$930,000. This amendment increases funding to the Health and Human Services Commission for Community Mental Health Svcs-Adults (Strategy D.2.1.) by \$930,000 for the fiscal biennium 2018-19 to fund HB 2402.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P. 129 850961</p>	<p>The amendment gives \$17 million to the HHSC Alternatives to Abortion strategy by reducing funding for the Travis County Fraud investigative unit (government accountability), local park grants within the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (expanding green space), inspection dollars for seed samples (healthy eating), and Basic Civil Legal Services for the Texas Supreme Court (free legal services for low-income Texans).</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Shaheen P. 130 850966</p>	<p>Moves \$16.7 million from the Department of Agriculture’s rural economic and development funds to HHSC, to pay for Crisis Pregnancy Centers funded through the Alternatives to Abortion strategy. Texas’ Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not properly regulated, sharing misinformation and lies about women’s health and pregnancies in a direct effort to impose anti-abortion ideology into women’s health care. The amendment hurts rural communities, and fails to advance health care for Texas women.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P. 131 851123</p>	<p>The amendment moves \$10 million from the Lottery Commission into marketing for the Healthy Texas Women program. The program awarded the \$1.6 million to the Heidi Group last year. A recent review of that contract found that the Heidi Group, which provides no medical services, has delivered on zero of its promises. Until the program is restructured to focus on delivery of actual women’s health services, it should not receive any additional funds.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rose P. 132 851222</p>	<p>This amendment takes \$9,150,000 from Article II Strategy D.1.2. “Alternatives to Abortion” and adds it to general revenue for Health and Human Services Commission to be used for the rehabilitation of victims of sex trafficking. The National Human Trafficking Hotline estimates that as many as 3,750 people are trafficked in Texas each year; many of these individuals are funneled into sex trafficking from the foster care system. Rehabilitative services are desperately needed to address the physical and emotional trauma these individuals have endured.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Turner P. 133 850987</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$4,000,000 for each year of the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium from General Revenue funds appropriated to the Alternatives to Abortion strategy of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and re-appropriates the funds to Additional Funds for Family Planning Services strategy in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) for each year of the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium.</p> <p>Texas leads the nation in teen pregnancy, and only 16% of needs are met for women seeking contraceptives from both public funded and Title X funded clinics. With 55% of women reporting experiencing at least one barrier to accessing reproductive healthcare and family services, the state has a responsibility to provide necessary medical care to Texas women.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Krause P. 134 851211</p>	<p>This amendment would take \$17,500,000 from Article VI Strategy A.1.1. "Air Quality Assessment and Planning" and re-allocate it to Article II Strategy D.1.2. "Alternatives to Abortion". It is in the best interest of public health and environmental preservation that the state continues to monitor and evaluate air quality, especially given the worsening state of climate change. Additionally, moving this money to "Alternatives to Abortion", which funds medically unnecessary crisis pregnancy centers, is fiscally irresponsible and an affront to women's reproductive rights.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Uresti P. 135 851163</p>	<p>This amendment seeks to remove the General Revenue-Dedicated Comprehensive Rehabilitation Account No. 107 (rider 138) from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), effectively eliminating appropriated funds in the amount of \$15,838,500 for each year in the 2018/19 fiscal biennium. It then seeks to direct the unappropriated funds from General Revenue funds in the amount of \$15,838,500 back into the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services (CRS) strategy for each year in the 2018-2019 fiscal biennium.</p> <p>The provisions in this amendment would strike rider 138, a General Revenue Dedicated account to provide CRS programs for individuals with spinal cord/traumatic brain injury. Due to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling CRS funding sources as unconstitutional in <i>Orlando Salinas vs. The State of Texas</i>, this amendment seeks to provide funding for necessary medical services to circumvent an unanticipated reduction in funding.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Shaheen P. 136 850967</p>	<p>Eliminates \$6,162,491 in funding for the Center for Elimination Disproportionality and Disparities. Established in 2011, the Center identifies how the state's health care programs impact people of color, and determines ways to alleviate those inequalities. Striking the Center is a direct attempt to undermine progress in health reforms for Texas' minorities.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 137 851035</p>	<p>Reduces amount appropriated from the economic stabilization fund for Border Security in Article IX, Department of Public Safety, by \$500,000 for the 2018-2019 biennium, and reduce amount allocated in the informational listings for National Incident Base Reporting System (NIBRS) training by \$500,000 in appropriations for border security in the Department of Public Safety. Increase amounts to the Texas Civil Commitment Office, Strategy M.1.1, in the appropriations to Health and Human Services, by \$500,000 from the economic stabilization fund for the 2018-2019 biennium.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 138 851036</p>	<p>Reduce amount appropriated from the economic stabilization fund for Border Security in Article IX, Department of Public Safety, by \$2, 217, 748 for the 2018-2019 biennium, and reduce amount allocated for Operation Secure Texas fuel, travel, and support staff by \$2, 217, 748 in appropriations for border security in the Department of Public Safety. Increase amounts to the Texas Civil Commitment Office, Strategy M.1.1, in the appropriations to Health and Human Services, by \$1, 108, 874 from the economic stabilization fund for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Roberts P. 139 850949</p>	<p>This amendment creates a Medicaid reimbursement for treatment of tobacco dependence. Funds for this reimbursement would be taken from Medicaid funds related to age, disability, pregnant mothers, children and prescription drugs. Tobacco use and dependence treatment is an effective way to avoid long term medical care that could be caused from tobacco use. For many of the health concerns addressed by Medicaid can be curtailed by the cessation of tobacco use. This could potentially save the state money in the long run by preventing long term medical ailments brought on by extended tobacco use.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Roberts P. 140 850956</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider in Article II, following the appropriations to the Health and Human Services Commission, regarding Medicaid reimbursement for drugs and therapies for the cessation of tobacco use. Out of the allotted funding for Medicaid Prescription Drugs, the Health and Human Services Commission will provide Medicaid reimbursement for any FDA approved nicotine replacement therapies and tobacco cessation drugs.</p> <p>This amendment lays a smoother path for individuals who wish to improve their health by discontinuing the use of tobacco by giving them affordable access to federally approved therapies and medications. Medicaid reimbursement for these drugs and therapies will provide preventative healthcare and could have a positive future fiscal impact.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Giddings P. 141 851019</p>	<p>Health and Human Services Commission shall allow money appropriated to Community Mental Health Services for Adults, Community Mental Health Services for Children that is allocated to local authorities that have transitioned to a new behavioral health services model from the former NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Services Model including the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority and the local mental health authority serving Collin County. This is to be used by those local authorities for meeting federal requirements to obtain additional unallocated federal funds through Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP). It will provide behavioral health services to surrounding counties of Dallas.</p> <p>DRISP will improve healthcare quality, contain costs, and maximize the value of health care investments. DSRIP can serve as a provider-based building block for other broader, multi-payer health care transformation efforts.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Giddings P. 142 851020</p>	<p>Allows an unallocated Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP) to be used for indigent cancer care. Funding would be provided to urban hospitals to implement out-of-county out patient programs. Funding for DSRIP comes through the 1115 waiver. This would help uninsured indigent cancer patients receive the necessary treatments without taking funds from another need.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Minjarez P. 143 851007</p>	<p>This amendment directs the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to develop a five-year strategic plan to address postpartum depression by improving screening, referral, treatment, and support services. The amendment stipulates specific strategies that must be included in the plan. It is estimated that only 15% of women with postpartum depression obtain treatment; this amendment helps prioritize the issue and ensures that the state will attempt to address it by increasing access to vital mental health services for postpartum women.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Minjarez P. 144 851006</p>	<p>The Health and Human Services Commission shall conduct a study in conjunction with the Legislative Budget Board on abuse occurring in and violations of any law by nursing homes licensed by this state and receiving funds from the commission. Not later than April 1, 2018, the commission shall prepare and submit a written report to the executive commissioner of the commission on the results of the study and recommendations on policies to prevent repeat violators.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Ortega P. 145 851052</p>	<p>This amendment will take funds out General Revenue for Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study in cooperation with the Legislative Budget Board on the feasibility of developing enhanced criminal background check standards for individuals who provide services to or work with children and the elderly as an employee of an entity that contracts with the commission or in connection with an entity's contract with the commission. No later than Apr/1/2018, the commission shall submit a report on the commission's findings under the study together with the recommendations to the Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 146 851040</p>	<p>Reduces amount appropriated from the Economic Stabilization Fund for Border Security, under the Department of Public Safety, in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the state fiscal biennium. Transfers this amount appropriated out of the Economic Stabilization Fund to Strategy A.3.5, All-Inclusive Care - Elderly (PACE), under the Health and Human Services Commission, awarding \$1,000,000 per state fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. PACE provides comprehensive medical and social services to certain frail, community-dwelling elderly individuals, allowing most of the participants to remain living in their community instead of a nursing home.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 147 851043</p>	<p>Requires that before FY 2019 HHSC must use a portion of their appropriated funds to implements a Medicaid Managed Care Organization Network Action Report. This report would track and post Medicaid MCO disciplinary reports and their subsequent corrective action plans. This would serve to hold both Medicaid MCO's and the HHSC accountable for maintaining any disciplinary orders taken out by the commission.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 148 851144</p>	<p>Further tracks accountability of Medicaid and CHIP contracted managed care organizations (MCOs). Requires that HHSC tracks the portion of funds that are set aside for these contracts that go unused. Of those funds that are utilized HHSC would be responsible for tracking the money used and the MCOs compliance in regard to paying providers. It is important to hold accountable private insurance organizations who choose to contract with the commission.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Raymond P. 149 850984</p>	<p>Following the appropriations to the Health and Human Services Commission, a rider relating to cost savings in Prescription Drug Benefit Administration in Medicaid, CHIP and other Health-Related Services will be added. This rider tasks the Health and Human Services Commission to study all of the possible cost savings in the administration of prescription drug benefits and to enact those reported cost savings. This amendment further encapsulates the states responsibility to be fiscally accountable and encourages saving costs where appropriate.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Walle P. 150 851172</p>	<p>The amendment removes current riders in Article II pertaining to federal flexibility, and replaces them with new language to ensure any savings must be attained without harming overall care. The Health and Human Services Commission shall pursue flexibility from the federal government to decrease costs of providing Medicaid services to achieve an adequate level of savings without altering eligibility levels, reducing benefits, negatively impacting access to care, or duration of services. The commission must consider input from stakeholders prior to making changes to Medicaid, including statutory requirements for rulemaking and public hearings. Furthermore, the commission will notify the Legislative Budget Board of any changes implemented in the Medicaid Children’s Health Insurance Program, determine cost savings, and any impact to served populations associated with changes in flexibility.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 151 851048</p>	<p>Allows HHSC to use audits of managed care organizations (MCOs) to capture inaccurate calculations for experience rebates. If found this would give the commission the ability to recoup the funds for questioned costs that could have led to the incorrect calculation, unless the MCO is able to justify the cost. This is a means of creating accountability for the MCOs that contract with HHSC for Medicaid and CHIP.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 152 851067</p>	<p>This amendment mandates that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) conduct a study on the number of single case agreements that have been entered into by providers and managed care organizations providing benefits under Medicaid and CHIP. This study would increase accountability on private insurers that contract with Medicaid and CHIP to ensure quality service provision.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rose P. 153 851225</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for the Health and Human Services Commission to allocate \$8,400,000 for each fiscal year in the 2018-2019 biennium from funds appropriated in the Strategy D.2.1 for Community Mental Health Services-Adults to the North Texas Behavioral Health Authority. These funds will be used for sustaining adequate funding levels to guarantee services to all individuals eligible to receive community mental health services through the authority.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P. 154 851344</p>	<p>Requires that HHSC prioritizes funds for their Substance Abuse, Prevention and Intervention strategy to families with children at risk or involved with child protection services. HHSC would have to coordinate with DFPS to ensure these services are being met. This also requires that HHSC and DFPS collaborate to ensure that these families including the children are enrolled in state programs they qualify for. By ensuring parents receive the treatment needed for any substance abuse issue this further supports family reunification or helps to prevent a child from entering the child protection system. Likewise, it can assist families in being linked with mainstream services and non-cash benefits they otherwise may not know they qualify for.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Isaac P. 155-156 851201</p>	<p>This amendment would require Texas HHSC to perform aggressive checks against social service recipients four times a year, unnecessarily escalating eligibility screening tools for some of Texas’ neediest populations. If passed, the amendment would require HHSC to perform quarterly cross-matches of enrollment records from Medicaid, SNAP, CHIP, and TANF against death records, employment and wage records, lottery winnings, residency records, child support enforcement records, out-of-state electronic benefit transactions, as well as enrollment in other state funded programs. In 2014, HHSC began verifying income and checking data sources twice a year to check against these similar issues, as required</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>



	by the Affordable Care Act. The amendment targets Medicaid enrollees, despite repeated findings by the Office of Inspector General that the vast, vast majority of fraud in Medicaid comes from the private companies who provide the services, not the individuals who utilize them. At a time when HHSC’s contracting issues are under intense scrutiny from lawmakers, the suggestion that the poorest and neediest Texans are somehow defrauding the government is a dangerous and cynical attack against Texas families and Texas children.	
Rep. Burrows P. 157-160 851232	The amendment gives authority to the Health and Human Services Commission to expand the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) by 3 additional facilities. Each facility will serve up to 150 participants. If appropriated funds are not sufficient for PACE operations HHSC may transfer funds from Medicaid pertaining to the aged, disabled, or Medicare related funds not exceeding \$1.78 million in fiscal year 2018 and \$4.98 million in fiscal year 2019. The Executive Commissioner must submit a written request to transfer these funds. The LBB and Governor are able to submit a written disapproval within 30 days of the request submission. PACE is a Medicare and Medicaid program that helps elderly people meet healthcare needs in their community without having to go to nursing home or residential facilities. Allowing our elder citizens the ability to stay in their homes and communities, helps them to maintain self-determination and comfortability while still receiving the care they need in their later years.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 161 851039	This amendment adds language to Rider 36, relating to Medicaid Funding Reduction and Cost Containment and appropriated to the Health and Human Services Commission. The amendment would require the commissioner of Health and Human Services to seek out input from fitting providers before allotting any reductions in Medicaid funding or executing any cost containment measures in Medicaid.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Coleman P. 162 851345	This amendment expands access to funding for Strategy D.2.3., Community Mental Health Crisis Services, in rural communities by allocating up to \$10,000,000 for Healthy Community Collaboratives in rural areas. Increasing funding to these collaboratives will significantly increase access to vital mental health care services in areas that currently have little to no access.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Frank P. 163 850944	This amendment strikes Rider 53 from Article II which increases funds for Community Mental Health Services (CMHS) but does not allow this to be used for Local Mental Health Services (LMHS). It adds in the same amount of increased funds for CMHS but allows for LMHS to use appropriated funds. This would increase the amount of local service areas as some area are limited in the number of CMHS services.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Arevalo P. 164 851101	This amendment mandates that money expended to implement rules or policies for the Women’s Health Program must undergo review by the Health and Human Services Commission committee on science. This ensures that additional rules and regulations on women’s health services are medically necessary in an attempt to alleviate burdens on women’s access to care. It is imperative that women’s healthcare access not be restricted unless it is medically necessary.	<u>Favorable</u>



<p>Rep. Moody P. 165 850908</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) should utilize some funds appropriated for Medicaid Client Services to improve efforts to better serve Medicaid managed care patients with severe mental illness. It instructs HHSC to develop performance metrics to ensure managed care patients with serious mental illness are receiving quality care. It would also allow for the development of a separate managed care programs for seriously mentally ill patients that are geographically specific, should HHSC determine that to be cost effective. The amendment also mandates that HHSC submit a report to the LBB and the Governor’s office by November 1, 2018 that demonstrates improved outcomes, integration of care, and cost control for severely mentally ill patients.</p> <p>Overall, this amendment would increase HHSC accountability and would ensure that severely mentally ill Medicaid managed care patients have access to quality mental health care services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P. 166 851120</p>	<p>This is another anti-Planned Parenthood amendment. Rider 62 under HHSC prohibits any funding for abortion or organizations that have anything to do with abortions. This amendment is most likely a shell for something else, as it only adds the single word “marketing” to the rider.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 167 851235</p>	<p>Amends Rider 60 regard the Women’s Health Programs: Savings and Reporting to include that this biannual report would be must meet federal requirements for reporting. This would ensure that the report is meeting the highest standard of reporting in order to meet the intention of the rider for expanding provider capacity and outreach.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Wu P. 168 851237</p>	<p>Amends Rider 60 regard the Women’s Health Programs: Savings and Reporting to include that this biannual report would be must meet federal requirements for reporting. This would ensure that the report is meeting the highest standard of reporting in order to meet the intention of the rider for expanding provider capacity and outreach.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Arevalo P. 169 851103</p>	<p>This amendment strikes Article II rider 62: “Prohibition on Abortions: Healthy Texas Women Program and Family Planning Program”. Striking this rider would allow clinics like Planned Parenthood, who deliver a wide variety of reproductive and family planning care, to receive funding through the Healthy Texas Women Program and the Family Planning Program. Barring certain medical facilities from receiving state funds because they provide abortion care (which is vital and legitimate health care) hurts Texas women, especially those who live in areas that do not have other family planning or reproductive clinic options.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 170 851045</p>	<p>Allows for Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to confirm if there is \$19,755,178, it should be appropriated in Federal funds for Early Childhood Intervention. This would ensure that these funds are appropriated for their purpose. HHSC would work with the Legislature to show where these funds are and what they are for. This will ensure that a program is properly funded.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 171 851054</p>	<p>This amendment ensures that all federal IDEA Part C funds intended for the Early Childhood Development Program are distributed to HHSC, as intended. Confusion towards the end of the House Appropriations process led to the federal dollar amount moving towards Article XI. This rider attempts to eliminate that confusion by ensuring those funds appropriated for their intended purpose. The ECI program provides developmental services for children age 0-3 suffering from developmental disabilities and delays.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Klick P. 172 850964</p>	<p>This amendment creates a stipulation in Article II that any funds appropriated for HHSC regarding CPS cannot be transferred to any other strategy nor used for any other purpose. As CPS at this time is only proposed to have 95% of the recommended funds appropriated to it, all available funds in the strategy should remain within it.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Raymond P. 173 851009</p>	<p>This amendment increases the Medicaid rate payment to providers in nursing homes by 2.5%. Adds \$82,598,713 of General Revenue Funds to the Health and Human Services commission to support this rate increase. This would incentivize more long-term care providers to work with Medicaid patients, who otherwise may not be able to afford the care that they need. This amendment does create a new Economic Stabilization Fund appropriation for the funds to support the rate increase.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Cain P. 174-175 851080</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits spending for the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities, located within the Health and Human Services Commission, and removes \$4 million from HHSC's Additional Advocacy Programs. That reduction in funding is mirrored with a \$4 million increase to the Department of Public Safety's border security appropriations through the Economic Stabilization Fund. CEDD includes the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, whose mission is to create a more culturally appropriate health care system, and eleven specialists throughout the state to work directly with their communities to address region-specific concerns about all types of disparities. Defunding the Center completely in order to make a 0.3% increase to DPS's total border security funding (\$578.8 million) would be a fundamentally irresponsible misallocation of funds. Procedurally, these funding change are questionable because they draw from different funding streams that may not be permitted under the House rules.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Cain P. 176 851104</p>	<p>This amendment strikes rider 166 from Article II. This rider would create a Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council and a palliative care information and education program. The amendment guts a program that may assist the furthering of palliative care which is a healthcare service similar to hospice care. There is no time limit to palliative care and is for those with serious illness to help reduce their pain. Gutting reduces the ability to study and inform patients of this available care.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner P. 177 850988</p>	<p>This amendment strikes out rider 184, Federal Flexibility for Medicaid, and replaces it with a rider that instructs the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to request a waiver from the federal government requesting a full draw-down of funding through the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). This amendment will seek to expand coverage through the PPACA, which provides necessary and equitable medical care to a large portion of uninsured Texans.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Sheffield P. 178-179 851018</p>	<p>This amendment is critical in offering protection to the 7.4 million Texans enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP by ensuring that their services remain accessible, consistent, and high quality. It stipulates that in pursuit of cost savings or efficiency, HHSC may not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce reimbursement rates paid to Medicaid physicians • Reduce the number or type of services offered under the Medicaid programs • Change eligibility requirements for participation in Medicaid programs • Implement any changes to Medicaid programs without providing notice to public and stakeholder groups, allowing them to submit comments, and considering the comments when finalizing any proposed changes <p>These provisions would allow for Medicaid patients and other interested stakeholders to have their voices heard about issues that directly impact the provision of their health care services. In the face of uncertainty about the future of Medicaid funding in Texas, this amendment offers necessary protection to vulnerable Texans whose vital health care services could otherwise be in jeopardy. Medicaid serves a critical public health function in Texas and it is essential that the health care services it provides be maintained in the next biennium, regardless of federal funding conditions.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Price P. 180 851128</p>	<p>Amends Rider 186, Federal Flexibility, to add clarifying language that states any request of federal flexibility may not eliminate the mandate to provide all medically necessary services to eligible children through Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Programs.</p> <p>This amendment ensures all children eligible for Medicaid or Children’s Health Insurance Programs do not lose their benefits under an attempt by the Health and Human Services Commission to pursue federal flexibility to reduce the cost of providing needed medical services to gain savings.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 181 851145</p>	<p>Allows for patients in an Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) to with four or less individuals to voluntarily move to services to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) so long as it does not cost more money to do so. This remains cost neutral while creating the ability to free up an ICF bed.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Elkins P. 182 851174</p>	<p>Requires HHSC to review their operations and identify where technology and administrative areas can be optimized. The intent is to maximize cost savings and efficient operations. The commission would be responsible for identifying areas in which there could be share services. This does not reappropriate any funds but may be in place to locate future savings and avoid inefficient or expensive expenditures.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Collier P. 183 851175</p>	<p>Contingent on the passage of H.B. No. 2395, requiring testing for lead contamination in public school drinking water. In addition to the aforementioned bill, this amendment would additionally appropriate \$250,000 from the Economic Stabilization Fund to the Health and Human Services Commission. This funding would go towards the implementation of a lead testing program for public schools' drinking water. This amendment also calls to reduce the amount appropriated from the Economic Stabilization Fund to the Department of Public Safety for Border Security by \$250,000.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Munoz, Jr. P. 184 851110</p>	<p>This reduces funds in Article IX appropriated for Department of Public Safety for border security of \$2.5 million and DPS for Operation Secure Texas Fuel. The amendment appropriates \$1.3 million per year in the 2018/19 fiscal biennium to Article II for HHSC for the Texas Civil Commitment Office to use for caseload growth. This office serves to treat civilly committed sexual predators with long term care to protect victims and Texas Citizens. This would shift the gears of protection from border to control increasing the capacity as to which this population may receive treatment and further protect the people of Texas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P. 185 851072</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$500,000 to HHSC to assist counties in establishing family drug courts for those who have a child that is 18 years or under and are involved with or at risk of being in the child protective system. Funds to support this will be moved from Article V at \$250,000 for each the 2018/19 fiscal year that would otherwise be place for privatized prison or jails. Rather than further support the funding of the already detrimental private prison system this would decrease a child's risk of entering into the foster care system or increase the ability for family reunification.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P. 186 850980</p>	<p>This amendment restricts new Medicaid enrollments if there are not enough projected funds for existing Medicaid services during the 2018/19 biennium. It would require HHSC to decrease income and asset enrollment qualifications, should this be the case. While it states that this would not affect existing enrollees, places further restrictions on enrollment qualifications that are already stringent. Furthermore, this implies that Medicaid funds will likely be limited to existing participants.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P. 187 850930</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$16.7 million from the Department of Agriculture's rural economic and development funds to HHSC, to pay for Crisis Pregnancy Centers funded through the Alternatives to Abortion strategy. Texas' Crisis Pregnancy Centers are not properly regulated, sharing misinformation and lies about women's health and pregnancies in a direct effort to impose anti-abortion ideology into women's health care. The amendment hurts rural communities, and fails to advance health care for Texas women.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Uresti P. 188 851350</p>	<p>This amendment adds stipulations that abstinence only sexual education (Article II HHSC Rider 55) must contain only information that is verified by medically accurate, peer-reviewed scientific research. Texas should not be spending state money on the delivery of inaccurate and ineffective abstinence-only programs; this amendment would mandate that the state invest in sex education that is both accurate and effective.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

