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LSG Amendment Report for HB 1 — Tuesday, March 31, 2015

Author	Analysis	Recommendation
Rep. Otto P.3 840443	This amendment includes several major parts impacting several Articles of the budget. First, it provides \$800 million in funds for public schools above what is already in the bill, contingent upon legislation passing that directs how it shall be spent. It further adjusts some basic allotment totals for TEA, in attempt to improve the equity of how the funds are spent. The amendment also specifies how to divide the approximate \$2.4 billion collected through 2014's Prop 1 constitutional amendment for road improvements. Finally, the amendment allows for Texas DPS funds intended for training 250 more troops for border security to be spent on 8-week training courses.	<u>Favorable</u>
<u>Article I - General Government</u>		
Rep. Spitzer P.10 840406	This amendment transfers approximately \$1.8 million in the biennium from the Commission on the Arts Organization Grants to the Historical Commission Courthouse Preservation fund.	<u>Will of the House</u>
Rep. Farias P.11 840414	This amendment reduces appropriations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of the Attorney General, Legal Services, by \$10,000,000, • The Comptroller of Public Accounts, Accounting/Reporting, by \$5,000,000, • Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, Film and Music Marketing, by \$10,000,000, • And the Veterans Commission, Hazelwood Reimbursements, by \$15,000,000 annually for the 2016/2017 biennium. The funds, totaling \$40,000,000 per year for 2016/2017, will be transferred to the Permanent Fund Supporting Military and Veteran Exemptions to create a more sustainable funding source for the Hazelwood Legacy Program . Hazelwood covers some tuition for veterans and their family members pursuing higher education.	<u>Favorable</u>

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<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.13 840777</p>	<p>This amendment requires that appropriations to the Office of the Attorney General be reduced by \$2 million over the biennium and moved to the Texas Ethics Commission. Governor Abbott has made ethics reform an emergency item. The amendment would ensure TEC has adequate funding to pursue bad actors and prosecute violators of the state’s campaign finance laws.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farias P.14 840413</p>	<p>This amendment requires that general revenue appropriations for the Office of the Attorney General, Legal Services be reduced by \$2 million over the biennium and transferred to Office of the Attorney General, Victims Assistance. The Victims Assistance strategy provides shelter, crisis centers, hotlines, and advocacy for survivors of crimes, as well as the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and the Children’s Advocacy Centers (CAC) program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, S. P.15 840229</p>	<p>This amendment assists the Office of the Attorney General in procuring software upgrades for the Texas Child Support Enforcement Software (TXCSES 2.0). In addition, this amendment removes the contingency requiring that expenses above those projected for TXCSES 2.0 be funded by appropriated receipts.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hughes P.17 840738</p>	<p>This amendment assists the Office of the Attorney General in procuring software upgrades for the Texas Child Support Enforcement Software (TXCSES 2.0). In addition, this amendment removes the contingency requiring that expenses above those projected for TXCSES 2.0 be funded by appropriated receipts.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.19 840776</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$100,000 from the office of the Attorney General in order for the Office of the Attorney General to strategize, mediate, and discuss settlement of the state’s ongoing public school finance lawsuit.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.20 840427</p>	<p>Requires the Office of the Attorney General reports all expenditures relating to litigation brought against the federal government or an agency of the federal government. This requirement improves transparency and oversight for matters regarding litigation against the federal government.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Alvarado P.21 840325</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$8,000,000 over the biennium from the DPS border surge strategy to the Office of the Attorney General’s Domestic Violence High Risk Teams. Domestic Violence High Risk teams give comprehensive support to high-risk survivors of domestic violence. Currently, Domestic Violence High Risk Teams have not yet been developed and need funding.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Tinderholt P.22 840412</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Office of the Attorney General to establish a blue ribbon panel to determine long-term effectiveness of TRS Care and TRS Active Care, whether they are sustainable, and any issues that need to be addressed by the legislature regarding effectiveness. The amendment improperly directs the Attorney General’s office to conduct financial studies on an agency not under its purview, thereby wasting time and resources of the AG’s office.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P.23 840361</p>	<p>This amendment eliminates the Innocence Projects from the Texas Indigent Defense Commission, and transfers the \$400,000 to the Office of the Attorney General Supplemental Crime Victims’ Compensation. In addition to overturning wrongful convictions, law students also gain valuable experience in appellate law working with Innocence Projects. The funding for Innocence Projects should be preserved, since there are other appropriated funds that could be used to increase the AG’s crime victims’ compensation fund in order to increase the program’s capacity.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farrar P.24 840418</p>	<p>This amendment requires that the Comptroller of Public Accounts to add to its tax policy e-newsletter, at least annually, the notification of a mother’s right to breast-feed in any location in which her presence is authorized, raising much-needed public awareness on the issue.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. González, M. P.25 840442</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Comptroller to issue report comparing the salaries of men and women employed under the same classification at all state agencies. The comptroller must submit this report to the legislature by September 1 of each fiscal year. In 2014, it was discovered that the Attorney General’s office – and several other state agencies – were paying men more than women for the same job. This amendment promotes open information about potential pay inequities in state agencies based on gender, so that these inequities may be addressed in future legislative sessions.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.26 840254</p>	<p>This amendment requires that the Comptroller to report on all funds deposited to Texas through court settlements on or before December 31st of each calendar year. This would help provide information and transparency regarding revenue generated by the state’s court settlement.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Raymond P.27 840327</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Employee Retirement System to assess the prevalence of pre-diabetes among state employees. Based on this information, and if an economic analysis proves favorable, the ERS must develop a cost-effective Type 2 diabetes prevention program for state employees. Texas has the 17th highest diabetes death rate in the nation. This requirement would lead to much-needed preventative services for state employees at risk of developing diabetes.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Zerwas P.28 840275</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Employee Retirement System to assess the prevalence of pre-diabetes among state employees. Based on this information, and if an economic analysis proves favorable, the ERS must develop a cost-effective Type 2 diabetes prevention program for state employees. Texas has the 17th highest diabetes death rate in the nation. This requirement would lead to much-needed preventative services for state employees at risk of developing diabetes.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Huberty P.29 840396</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$4,000,000 in the biennium from the Facilities Commission’s strategy to provide a plan to protect state investment in facilities to the Military Department for disaster relief and emergency missions.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P.30 840298</p>	<p>This amendment reduces \$162,223,232 for FY 2016 and \$223,232 for FY 2017 proportionally across all Article I appropriations in order to redirect funds to the Facilities Commission. These funds would be used for construction of the G.J. Sutton State Office Complex in Bexar County, and for 3 additional full-time employees (FTEs) to aid in the construction project.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P.32 840705</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$10,000,000 from the Texas Facilities Commission – intended for construction of the E.O. Thompson State Parking Facility – to the Texas Education Agency, for School Improvement and Support Programs. These programs provide training and support to schools that adopt a community school model, which has proven to effectively and efficiently revitalize struggling public schools by creating a partnership between parents, teachers, nonprofits, and community resources.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.33 840784</p>	<p>This amendment requires that the Texas Facilities Commission, the Department of State Health Services, the Animal Health Commission, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department provide information on the state’s immunization registry, including information regarding the procedure required to be included the registry.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farias P.35 840312</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$192,660 each fiscal year from the Tourism strategy in the Office of the Governor’s Trusteed Programs to the Veteran’s Commission to be used for claims representation and counseling and four accompanying FTE’s. Increasing funding and FTE’s in this area is critical. CSHB1 decreases funding for Veterans Commission administration by 8.6%, which will result in the loss of 13 claims counselors. An expected 11% increase in claims over the next biennium, combined with this loss of claims counselors, is expected to increase the waitlist for claims processing unless more funds are appropriated.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. González, M. P.36 840440</p>	<p>This amendment transfers approximately \$690,000 in the biennium from the Economic Development strategy in the Office of the Governor’s Trusteed Programs to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to fund Colonia Service Centers.</p> <p>Many homes located in the colonias are unsafely constructed with tents or makeshift structures of wood, cardboard or other materials. Colonia Service Centers address this issue by providing much-needed housing rehabilitation and free rentals of construction tools.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Spitzer P.37 840405</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$21,000,000 per year of the biennium ending August 31st, 2017, from Film & Music Marketing to New Construction Contracts. The Film & Music Marketing incentives have shown to be one of the effective incentive funds operated by the state, and should be preserved.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Spitzer P.38 840404</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$14,000,000 per year of the biennium ending August 31st, 2017, from Film & Music Marketing to Courthouse Preservation. The Film & Music Marketing incentives have shown to be one of the effective incentive funds operated by the state, and should be preserved. One-time costs for courthouse preservation can be achieved through other funding mechanisms, including a draw-down of funds from the Economic Stabilization Fund.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.39 840709</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for the Texas Enterprise Fund Community Improvement. The rider mandates at least 10% of the funds awarded to the Texas Enterprise Fund be awarded to recipients in Harris County in areas with an unemployment rate above the state average. This amendment would ensure economically depressed areas receive priority consideration for economic development dollars.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P.40 840280</p>	<p>This amendment adds four riders. The first states that money appropriated to the trustee programs within the office of the governor may not be used to make a grant to any group or organization that peace officers participate in and that only is concerned with employers concerning grievances and labor disputes if: the organization is required to register under Chapter 305, Government Code; the organization employs a person to affect the outcome of legislation, agency rules, or government policies; or the organization provides legal representation to its members. The second rider is identical, but is for Article VII appropriations to TxDOT. The third rider is identical, but is for Article IX; the fourth rider is identical, but for Article XI.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Alvarado P.42 840324</p>	<p>This rider takes \$2,000,000 over the biennium from border surge funding and redirects it to the Office of the Governor to provide grants to reimburse counties for moneys expended to provide monitoring during family violence cases. This will help counties support victims and prosecute offenders in family violence cases.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rinaldi P.43 840215</p>	<p>This amendment eliminates the Film & Music Marketing incentives program from the office of the Governor. Film and Music Marketing are integral to the quality of life, and economic well-being of the State of Texas. Unlike the governor’s Texas Enterprise Fund and Emerging Technology Fund, this incentive fund has allowed Texas to compete and secure jobs and projects that otherwise may not locate in Texas.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rinaldi P.44 840322</p>	<p>This amendment removes the Texas Enterprise Fund from receiving any funds from unexpended balances from GR, or the Appropriation to Trustee Programs within the Office of the Governor.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, J. P.45 840703</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to appropriate an additional \$250,000 out of the GR fund in Article VI, Department of Agriculture in Economic Development to the Historical Commission for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to make grants to help develop a Hispanic Heritage Center in San Antonio. The Center would be an important place for Texas families of all backgrounds to learn more and show appreciation for the contributions of Hispanics to our state’s history.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Rodriguez, J. P.46 840704</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for a Hispanic Heritage Center. It uses \$250,000 out of funds appropriated to the Historical Commission for the creation of the the Hispanic Heritage Center in San Antonio. The Center would be an important place for Texas families of all backgrounds to learn more and show appreciation for the contributions of Hispanics to our state’s history.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Ashby P.47 840204</p>	<p>This amendment allows the Historical Commission to enter into a contract with a non-profit agency to create a Texas State Almanac. This contract may be for no more than \$500,000.</p>	<p><u>Will of House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.48 840758</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to allocate funds for allowable costs to implement changes in election processes or procedures mandated by litigation decisions involving voter ID requirements or redistricting plans. This would benefit Texans and provide funds for changes mandated from the courts, preventing unfunded mandates.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.49 840774</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to allocate funds for the Hazlewood Exemption Reimbursements. The Veterans Commission will allocate an unspecified amount to fund a proportionate share of the cost for the Hazlewood exemption for every public institution of higher education. To determine the amount of allocation, the Veterans Commission will work with the Higher Education Coordinating Board and LBB to study and evaluate federal education benefits and tuition and fee exemptions provided. This amendment would help veterans and family members of veterans pursue their education.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article II - Health and Human Services</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.51 840432</p>	<p>This amendment requires an increase of \$4,000,000 to be dedicated to Home and Community-based Services (HCS) and a decrease in appropriations of the same amount for Alternatives to Abortion each fiscal year, ending August 31, 2017. By increasing funds for Home and Community-based Services, the waitlist of individuals needing services will decrease.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.52 840431</p>	<p>This amendment requires an increase of \$4,000,000 to be dedicated to Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS) and a decrease in appropriations of \$4,000,000 for Alternatives to Abortion each fiscal year, ending August 31, 2017. By increasing funds for Community Living Assistance and Support Services, the waitlist of individuals needing services will decrease.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.53 840428</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$228,405 to the Deaf-Blind Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) strategy from the Alternatives to Abortion strategy each fiscal year, ending August 31, 2017. By increasing funds for Community Living Assistance and Support Services, the waitlist of individuals needing services will decrease.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Raymond P.54 840326</p>	<p>Requires the Medicaid Estate Recovery program to receive the first \$750,000 deposited to the Health and Human Services credit, during each year in the fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2007, in addition to funds already appropriated. The appropriated money will be used to award grants under specified qualifications and any amount deposited to the credit is appropriated to DADS. Funds dedicated to DADS will lessen the individuals waiting or assist those interested for community-based care services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Sheffield P.55 840237</p>	<p>This amendment addresses the workgroup charged with reviewing and comparing audited cost reports. Instead of ‘determining’ rates that will restore previous cuts, the workgroup ‘will make recommendations regarding’ the rates.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.56 840769</p>	<p>This amendment requires \$2,750,000 to be dedicated to Early Childhood Intervention Services from the Alternatives to Abortion strategy each fiscal year. By increasing funds for Early Childhood Intervention Services, Texas will better support children with disabilities and developmental delays, from birth to three years old, and their families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farrar P.57 840415</p>	<p>This amendment zeroes out funding for the Alternatives to Abortion strategy, and redirects the \$18.3 million to CPS Direct Delivery Staff in the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Through funding CPS Direct Delivery Staff, DFPS can adequately support CPS supervisors, investigators, caseworkers, and administration.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Walle P.58 840376</p>	<p>This amendment requires a study for the DFPS to develop professional and caseload standards, as well as recommendations for a minimum and maximum number of caseloads. The recommendations of the study will be given to the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). DFPS has faced a continuous challenge in supporting its professionals by providing best practices of standards. This study will assist the department to make better decisions for its staff.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Raymond P.59 840282</p>	<p>This amendment requires that existing appropriations be used to develop a program in the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to create a system of replacement of caseworkers with trainees by using data to predict vacancies in certain areas of the state. From developing this program, the department will identify the turnover rate of caseworkers by region. DFPS will benefit from focusing on the high turnover rate of caseworkers and developing a method to solve this ongoing problem.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. King, S. P.60 840266</p>	<p>This amendment adds an Abusive Head Trauma rider, which moves GR funds from “Other At-Risk Programs” of up to \$1,918,640 in 2016 and \$3,110,670 in 2017 to be used in parent education programs to prevent abusive head trauma and other child abuse and neglect fatalities due to infant crying. DFPS will evaluate the effectiveness of the program and provide a report to the legislature before December 1, 2016. The goal of the amendment is good; the only concern is if pulling the funds from the “Other At-Risk Programs” jeopardizes funding for another critical program at the Department of Family Protective Services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable with Concerns</u></p>

<p>Rep. Burkett P.61 840189</p>	<p>This amendment is a rider contingent on the enactment of HB 2309, requesting money from the appropriations for DFPS to be used for data collection on requirements for the DFPS to offer joint conservatorship to caregivers who relinquish custody of their child to the state in order to obtain intensive mental health services. The DFPS must allocate funds for implementing annual reporting requirements concerning joint conservatorship to the legislature.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Burkett P.62 840188</p>	<p>This amendment is a rider contingent on the enactment of HB 1180, requesting money from the appropriations for DFPS to be used to implement changes to the department’s searchable child-care facility database. The improvement of a searchable database will ensure an easier process for parents to find regulated child-care facilities.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Frullo P.63 840222</p>	<p>This amendment requires DFPS to use \$1,200,000 to restore funds for the Texas Home Visitation Program and other evidence based home visitation model programs, which certain counties lost funding for in the 2014-2015 biennium. With the addition of funds, DFPS can continue its evidence-based model to offer services preventing child abuse and neglect. However, no information on the counties affected was found, which may cause skepticism because of the sizeable transfer of money.</p>	<p><u>Favorable with Questions</u></p>
<p>Rep. Frullo P.64 840277</p>	<p>This amendment requires Department of Family Protective Services (DFPS) to use \$1,200,000 of funds allocated for its strategy of “Texas Family Program” to restore the Texas Home Visitation Program and other evidence-based home visitation model programs, which lost funding last biennium. With funds restored, DFPS can better fulfill their mission of preventing child abuse and neglect.</p>	<p><u>Favorable with Questions</u></p>
<p>Rep. King, S. P.65 840265</p>	<p>Contingent on enactment of HB 19 (or similar legislation), DFPS will be required to allocate \$1,589,964 in 2016 and \$3,228,108 in 2017 from General Revenue Funds out of “Other At-Risk Programs,” to implement preventive services for veterans and families who have committed, experience or are at high risk of family violence, abuse or neglect. Creation of preventive services will address the increasing number of family violence, abuse, or neglect in veteran families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.66 840262</p>	<p>This amendment requires that DSHS cannot spend appropriated funds on a new behavioral health service delivery system in North Texas or to make changes to the existing NorthSTAR Behavioral Health Program. By maintaining one stable publicly funded behavioral health program, services can continue to be offered to clients seeking mental health and substance use disorder services in North Texas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Naishtat P.67 840193</p>	<p>This amendment requires that \$115,256 of the funds appropriated to Mental Health State Hospitals in the first year, and \$106,579 in the second year, be allocated to employ a Forensic Director. This director will be responsible for forensic evaluation services, inpatient and transitional services, community forensic monitoring, and forensic research and training. With a Forensic Director, DSHS will be able to streamline forensic operations in Texas, as well as develop and adopt best practices that may be implemented in all state facilities and local communities.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Spitzer P.68 840407</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriations for STD/HIV prevention by \$15,000,000 for the biennium. This decimation of funding for evidence-based disease prevention is ill-advised at best.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Spitzer P.69 840409</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$5 million in the biennium from STD/HIV prevention to Abstinence-Only Education. Taking funds from effective, informative, evidence-based programs and putting it towards abstinence that leads to increases in the rate of STD and teen pregnancy is bad public policy.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.70 840749</p>	<p>This amendment requires that general revenue fund appropriations to the DPS be reduced by \$300,000 so that WIC Services, Women & Children’s Health Services, Family Planning Services, Community Primary Care Services, and Mental Health-SVCS-Children in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) can gain an increase of the same amount from general revenue fund appropriations. Additional funding in health services for at-risk communities can help alleviate and support individuals in high poverty and population growth.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.71 840778</p>	<p>This amendment requires that \$250,000 of general revenue funds to the DSHS be allocated to establish a program providing HIV and sexually transmitted disease screenings, during routine health exams, in metropolitan areas of the state with the highest rates of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases. The amendment relocates the funds from the Alternatives to Abortion strategy. The creation of an HIV and sexually transmitted disease program will help target a growing epidemic of health disparities in Texas by appropriately treating individuals with such diseases.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Israel P.73 840357</p>	<p>This amendment zeroes out the \$18.3 million from the Alternatives to Abortion strategy over the biennium and redirects it towards Substance Abuse/Intervention/Treatment at the Department of State Health Services. Increasing funds for substance abuse intervention and treatment will support individuals struggling with addiction and provide a significant positive impact on state healthcare costs.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Spitzer P.74 840408</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$2,200,000 per year of the biennium from the strategy to reduce the use of tobacco products to investments in courthouse preservation. This amendment would increase health costs and lower life expectancy across the state.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bell P.75 840304</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$948,069 per year of the biennium ending August 31st, 2017, from Mental Health State Hospitals to the Montgomery County Mental Health Treatment Facility. This amendment criminalizes mentally ill people by establishing a dearth of emergency medical beds in public hospitals and an overage in forensic facilities, so that their best chance of receiving mental healthcare is to first become incarcerated.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Clardy P.76 840240</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits the privatization of state hospitals by preventing appropriations funds to be used to solicit bids from a private entity to operate a state hospital, or to pay a private entity to operate a state hospital. This is a step towards preventing further privatization of healthcare.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farrar P.77 840417</p>	<p>This amendment requires existing Woman’s Right to Know informational materials include verified and supported research that is medically accurate, objective and completed by the National Institutes of Health and affiliated organizations. By ensuring information in the Woman’s Right to Know informational materials is correct and supported by renowned health organizations, Texas is providing women scientifically proven information on health issues.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. González, M. P.78 840441</p>	<p>This amendment allows state funds to be used to dispense prescription drugs to a minor who is at least 15 years of age, unmarried and the mother of a child. The addition of this language supports teen mothers who have a right to self-determination as an acting parent.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P.79 840289</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits any funds for Family Planning and Medicaid Family Planning to be used to implement human sexuality or family planning instruction, or to provide instructional materials to be used for human sexuality or family planning education, if the instruction or materials are provided or prepared by anyone who performs elective abortions, or an affiliate thereof. This would hurt Texan families by prohibiting the dissemination of knowledge from knowledgeable entities, such as Planned Parenthood, to youths and their families.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. White, M. P.80 840373</p>	<p>This amendment requires funds for Abstinence Sexual Education to be used to create sexual education programs that comply with abstinence education program statute. Abstinence education has shown to be the least effective form of sexual education, whereas responsible sex education courses have proven to actually reduce teen pregnancy rates. Complying with federal statutes does not guarantee any shift in this dynamic of sex education information.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.81 840429</p>	<p>This amendment requires that information taught in abstinence sexual education programs must be medically accurate, scientifically valid, and supported by peer-reviewed research. This will prevent inaccurate information from being taught to youths and help young people make decisions based on scientifically accurate information.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.82 840208</p>	<p>This amendment increases the amount allocated to the Primary Health Care Services for Women - Unexpended Balance Authority by \$10,000,000 for both fiscal years 2016 and 2017. This would allow for more women to have access to primary health care services, including preventative screenings, family planning services, perinatal services, and dental services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

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<p>Rep. Davis, S. P.83 840447</p>	<p>This amendment allocates \$869,400 for fiscal years 16-17 from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program for HIV medication for outbound inmates in the Harris County Jail. DSHS is prohibited from reducing any Harris County funds from the Preparedness and Prevention strategy to fund this program. This would help improve public health by making sure HIV-positive individuals are receiving medications and treatment.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.84 840253</p>	<p>This amendment adds an Article II rider for the NorthSTAR Transition to New Model. This is contingent on management action or legislation to direct DSHS or HHSC to implement a new behavioral health model in North Texas. This would require NorthSTAR to continue through the end of FY 2017 to allow for a smooth transition to the new model and benefit Texans by providing continuity of care.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Shaheen P.85 840207</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II for “Funding for Local Mental Health Authorities Previously Served by NorthSTAR,” providing 7 counties previously served by the mental health Medicaid program NorthSTAR with grants to meet the needs of their communities and low-income residents.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez, “Mando” P.86 840295</p>	<p>This amendment changes the rider, “Contingency for Ebola Funds,” requiring that upon receipt of federal funds for ebola prevention an equal amount be transferred from GR to other HHS strategies for pediatric asthma management, adult preventable hospitalizations, diabetes prevention and control, expanded tobacco cessation services, and the Texas Emergency Medical Taskforce.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schaefer P.87 840753</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$488,209 from the HHS Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities for FY 2016 and \$488,209 for 2017 to the Military Department Indirect Administration for the purpose of upgrading the department’s accounting system. Funds for the Military Department’s accounting system can be found in other areas of the budget that don’t jeopardize critical state services.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.88 840706</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$30,468 from HHS Alternatives to Abortion for the biennium to Texas Southern University for the Academic Development Initiative, building up a non-Tier 1 school.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.89 840730</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$4,000,000 from HHS Alternatives to Abortion annually for 2016/2017 to Texas Southern University School of Pharmacy, striking the “nontransferable” clause from Alternatives to Abortion funding. This step would be a better investment in higher education, minority communities, and a strong workforce.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Walle P.90 840375</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$41, 717,186 in 2016 and \$63,282,814 in 2017 from DPS’s “Recruitment, Retention, and Support” border surge strategy – the amount set aside to fund new troops – to the Transitional Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) and Related Payments strategy to stabilize and improve DSH payments. Improvements in quality of care and patient outcomes would be recognized and incentivized.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.91 840316</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$1,104,430 of GR for the 2016-17 biennium from the Alternatives to Abortion strategy to the Medicaid Contracts & Administration strategy for the purpose of improving Medicaid staffing and support.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Israel P.92 840356</p>	<p>This amendment zeroes out \$18.3 million over the biennium intended for HHSC’s Alternatives to Abortion strategy, and redirects those funds to shore up the underfunded TEXAS Grant Program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Phelan P.93 840221</p>	<p>This amendment increases the general funds for Alternatives to Abortion by \$3,350,000 for each FY 2016 and 2017 and reduces the funds of the Film and Music Marketing strategy within the Office of the Governor by the same amount.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P.94 840177</p>	<p>This amendment simply renames the current HHSC strategy ‘Alternatives to Abortion’ to ‘Pregnancy and Parenting Services.’ Changing the name of the strategy has no impact on Texas families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Moody P.95 840451</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Texas Women’s Health Program to conduct a study determining (1) why fewer women are utilizing the program, (2) ways to increase participation, and (3) whether the rule excluding providers who provide elective abortions should be repealed. This study prioritizes the health of Texas women.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.96 840458</p>	<p>This amendment requires any unexpended balance for HHS Alternatives to Abortion as of August 31, 2016, be appropriated to HHS Enterprise Oversight & Policy for use by the Nurse Family Partnership for FY 2017. The Nurse Family Partnership pairs RNs with low-income families in need of prenatal care, education, and counseling – a great long-term investment in child development, healthy families, and thriving communities.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Hughes P.97 840762</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$3,350,000 annually for the biennium from Commission on Environmental Quality to HHS Alternatives to Abortion, prioritizing health education that is not evidence-based over environmental quality.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.98 840781</p>	<p>This amendment enables transfers from the HHS “Alternatives to Abortion” strategy. It further allows funds to be transferred among goals A, D, E, F, and G not to exceed 25% of the originating appropriation item’s All Funds for the year, with the exception of funds for the “Alternatives to Abortion” strategy which can be repurposed to any other HHS goal not to exceed 45% of that strategy’s All Funds.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.99 840779</p>	<p>This amendment ignores the “nontransferable” clause for HHS Alternatives to Abortion and appropriates \$2,000,000 annually for the 2016/17 biennium to Texas Southern University for a “hold harmless” strategy for use at their discretion.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.100 840708</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$500,000 for the biennium from HHS Alternatives to Abortion to DSHS Substance Abuse, Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment. The “non-transferability” of Alternatives to Abortion is not addressed. This funding would assist municipalities that have a higher than average substance abuse pattern.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farrar P.101 840416</p>	<p>This amendment requests the state auditor to conduct an audit of the Alternatives to Abortion with details regarding clients served (region, delivery system and age), savings for or expenditures by the Medicaid program attributable to the program, description of services provided and outreach activities conducted, and identifiable outcomes of the program for participants and infant children of the participants. An audit of the Alternatives to Abortion program will evaluate whether or not this is an effective, evidence-based program and warrants our future investment.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.102 840773</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II for “Health Care Services for Women,” to address totals and methods of financing. A floor amendment is expected to be added to this rider to provide details.</p>	<p><u>Favorable based on expected amendments</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.103 840726</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider requesting HHSC to ensure transparency in the premium payment rate-setting process in the STAR Medicaid Managed Care Program, before the commission spends funds appropriated towards Medicaid. Actuarial reports are required to be published to include specified content.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Walle P.104 840076</p>	<p>This amendment requires HHSC to spend the amount necessary from appropriations for Medicaid Contracts and Administration, no more than \$44,600,157 in GR or \$189,228,307 from all funds, during fiscal years 2016 and 2017, to fund specified claims administrator costs for: the implementation of an electronic visit and verification system, the addition of skilled professionals, the implementation of management programs to achieve performance metrics, and other means to comply with federal requirements relating to provider reenrollment. This amendment will provide the human capital and funding to actually effectuate more streamlined service delivery.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P.105 840352</p>	<p>Directs HHSC to begin negotiations with CMS and to prepare an 1115 waiver to expand health coverage to adults below 138% of the federal poverty level. The waiver should promote individual responsibility, health savings accounts, and provide the state with flexibility to tailor the Medicaid program. Five other states have received waivers to expand coverage, though this one goes further than any currently existing waiver because it asks for a block grant. <i>Note – there will be an amendment to the amendment that removes the requirement to engage CMS. The amendment will therefore direct HHSC to merely prepare a waiver.</i></p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.106 840425</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$4,000,000 per year for 2016-2017 from Alternatives to Abortion to Additional Funds for Family Planning Services within Article II. Using money for comprehensive health and sexual health education will be a more cost-effective investment that serves a larger population than Alternatives to Abortion, which only offers pregnancy and parenting information.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.107 840437</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriations for Medicaid and for CHIP intended to be used for the adjustment of capitation payments to managed care organizations providing health care services under each respective program to account for the health insurance providers’ fee imposed by federal statute. Through the reduction of appropriations, each of the following strategies will receive increased appropriations in an amount equal to one-eighth of the sum of the reductions: Children with Special Health Care Needs, Mental Health Services for Adults, Mental Health Services for Children, Mental Health State Hospitals, Mental Health Community Hospitals, Disability Related Eligibility Group, Children Eligibility Group, and Children’s Health Insurance Program.</p> <p>Although eight specialized health and mental health strategies will receive funding, the fiscal needs to address each strategy may vary greatly and reducing appropriations generally provided to Medicaid and CHIP could have a significant negative impact.</p>	<p><u>Favorable with Questions</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P.109 840343</p>	<p>Directs DSHS to allocate \$500,000 in 2016 and 2016 to continue the development of recovery-focused “clubhouses.” Clubhouses” are playing an increasingly effective role in helping Texans with severe and persistent mental illness rehabilitate and obtain a higher quality of life. Texas does not currently support them at the level that many other states do.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P.110 840353</p>	<p>Would create a carve out for hospitals and return their reimbursement under Medicaid to a fee-for-service system if the 1115 Transformation Waiver is not renewed or the Uncompensated Care pool is cut. This will ensure that Texas Hospitals receive necessary federal funding (Upper Payment Limit Dollars available for fee for service Medicaid Providers).</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P.111 840351</p>	<p>The amendment directs HHSC to Prepare a “Wyden Waiver” to Expand Health Coverage. Beginning in 2017, states may apply for a “Wyden Waiver” to amend or waive large parts of the Affordable Care Act, including the individual mandate, the employer mandate, and more. However, such a waiver must be budget neutral to the federal government and cannot reduce access or benefits for the currently insured. This amendment directs HHSC to prepare such a Wyden Waiver with the goal of maximizing federal funding – including through the use of a block grant – to reduce the number of uninsured Texans and reduced the cost of care in this state.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



	<i>Note – there will be an amendment to the amendment removing the requirement that the state actually negotiate with CMS; rather, the onus is simply on the state to prepare what it wishes to do.</i>	
Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.112 840435	This amendment adds an Article II rider, requiring HHSC to ensure that managed care organizations that receive increased Medicaid or CHIP payments due to the Affordable Care Act use that money only to provide child health and mental health care to enrollees and not for profit. This gives HHSC more oversight to make sure MCOs are acting in the best interests of the clients in the Medicaid and CHIP populations, protecting vulnerable children’s health benefits.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.113 840384	This amendment stipulates that no appropriated funds can be used for Medicaid or CHIP services unless HHSC ensures the transparency of its premium rate-setting process by publishing actuarial reports that clearly identify and describe the methodology by which the executive commissioner set payment rates.	<u>Will of the House</u>
Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.114 840436	This amendment instructs HHSC to identify and implement potential cost containment initiatives throughout the agency, consolidating duplicative functions and transferring contracted services back to HHSC where possible and economical. HHSC will submit a written report to specified members of the legislature on or before the 45 th day of each fiscal year 2016 and 2017 detailing their findings regarding implementation, potentially allowing for more efficient service delivery within HHSC. It is unclear how the amendment conforms with the recent news of the state’s plans to consolidate its health care agencies may be put on hold.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Howard P.115 840457	This amends the rider regarding the Texas Women’s Health Program: Savings and Performance Reporting, to specify that it should not include duplications of providers or ancillary providers and should state the average and median numbers of program clients per provider. This will give the legislature more information regarding the utilization of services by low-income women.	<u>Favorable</u>
Rep. Schaefer P.116 840754	This amendment eliminates The Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities, which advises HHSC on systemic and practical improvements to healthcare delivery. This center supports equitable healthcare through the promotion of culturally competent care and through the improvement of health outcomes for minority and disparately impacted Texans. Its abolishment would be detrimental to the average Texan family and would incur long-term costs for the state.	<u>Unfavorable</u>
Rep. Guillen P.117 840722	This amendment adds an Article II rider for HHSC to evaluate and assess the appropriate number of dental managed care organizations (DMOs) in the Texas Medicaid program, using funds appropriated in the HHSC bill pattern. The study should include evaluation of an enrollees’ accessibility to treatment. HHSC shall maintain a minimum of 3 DMOs to increase dental provider participation and access to services. This will give the legislature the information necessary to provide adequate dental care to those most in need of services.	<u>Favorable</u>



<p>Rep. Miles P.118 840770</p>	<p>This amendment adds an Article II rider regarding Medicaid Block Grant Waiver transition funding. Using funds from Goal B, Medicaid, HHSC may use up to \$250,000,000 per year in 2016 and 2017 to improve and stabilize Medicaid hospital payments, including a portion of the non-federal share of Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments. This will allow for the continued improvement of the quality of patient care and health outcomes.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Zerwas P.119 840274</p>	<p>Diabetes is a pandemic affecting a tenth of the American population and fatal if undiagnosed. This amendment requests HHSC to identify efficiencies across agencies to integrate systems of care, to work conjointly with the Texas Diabetes Council to improve screening rates for at-risk Medicaid patients, and to increase enrollment in diabetes self-management education. This measure promotes wellbeing and increased access to screening and education through more cost-effective preventative care.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P.120 840426</p>	<p>Contingent on passage of HB 817 or similar legislation, this amendment adds a rider to Article II, allocating funds already appropriated to HHSC for the purpose of creating a statewide health exchange should the Supreme Court strike down the federal exchange over the summer. Such a provision would ensure the more than 1 million Texans that have purchased affordable care through the exchange due not lose coverage in the event of a ruling that negatively impacts Texas consumers.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P.121 840197</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider regarding acute care therapy services, mandating HHSC reform reimbursement methodology to align with industry standards and policies to achieve cost savings for the Medicaid program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P.122 840180</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II, articulating that \$460,000,000 in GR and \$1,096,000 in All Funds allocated to Medicaid, be used to increase reimbursement rates to the Medicare level for Primary Care providers, OB/GYNs, neurologists, and psychiatrists. This may incentivize more medical providers to accept Medicaid patients but might also decrease services provided to each patient, as services will cost more.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Burkett P.123 840284</p>	<p>Peer support is an established evidence-based practice for the successful treatment of substance abuse disorders. Contingent on passage of HB 1541, this amendment adds an Article II rider, allocating \$1,607,438 for the 2016-17 biennium out of the Medicaid Disability-Related Eligibility Group to establish certified peer specialists as approved providers of services to individuals with mental illness or substance use issues under the Medicaid Program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, S. P.124 840279</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II, requiring HHSC to report specific and projected program expenditures for the Star+Plus program to officials within the legislature and HHSC. This will improve transparency in the Star+Plus program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Zerwas P.125 840271</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates funds out of Goal B, Medicaid, for HHSC to develop and implement a biometric wellness screening program to help identify at-risk patients in the Texas Medicaid program. At least 25% of the Medicaid population will participate in these screenings conducted by a contracted company. HHSC is required to analyze data from the program to demonstrate cost effectiveness for a statewide implementation and to improve health service delivery and outcomes.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Zerwas P.126 840235</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II related to behavioral stabilization care for the DADS population. Using funding in Goal B, Medicaid, HHSC shall automatically assign a Level of Need (LON) rating for private providers delivering behavioral stabilization care for individuals with behavioral challenge issues that allow the individuals to return to their original facility in a community based unit. LON 6 and 9 are levels that require 1:1 care due to limited self-help skills and challenging behaviors. This will help in service delivery to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Zerwas P.127 840263</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider contingent on passage of HB 3077 or similar legislation, allocating \$28,000,000 in GR to provide supplemental funding of emergency air ambulance services. Facilitating acute medical care is a life-saving measure.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Zerwas P.128 840234</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to Article II, Special Provisions, to introduce the use of a 7% incentive factor for Supervised Living/Residential Support Services and Day Habilitation.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P.129 840767</p>	<p>Prohibits HHSC from taking action without LBB or legislative approval. The amendment is a response to agencies pursuing irresponsible policy strategies on their own, without direction from the legislative or executive branch.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Giddings P.130 840144</p>	<p>This amendment adds an Article II rider for Health Homes and Health Teams. This uses funds appropriated to Medicaid Contracts and Administration to allow HHSC to authorize Medicaid reimbursement to individuals eligible for services for patient-centered health home services rendered by health teams designated as providers. Among the eligible population given specific consideration in the development of health homes are persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, residents of permanent supportive housing, or those recognized as high-users of emergency care services. Contingent on federal approval of a state plan amendment to Medicaid Contracts and Administration, and upon written approval from the governor and the LBB, HHSC may use funds in Disability-related Eligibility Group allocations to provide services under this state plan amendment. HHSC will submit a written request to the governor and LBB detailing the estimated number of health teams, the estimated fiscal impact for each fiscal year of the biennium, and the estimated provider performance levels and targets. This will improve services and health outcomes for a vulnerable population by providing coordinated care, rather than requiring people with few resources (such as homeless persons) to travel to multiple appointments.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

Article III - Education



<p>Rep. Johnson P. 133 840420</p>	<p>Studies have found that children who attend preschool are more likely to graduate high school, have higher average earnings than their peers, and commit fewer crimes. This amendment transfers \$135,500,000 within TEA from the Foundation School Program -- Equalized Operations to the Statewide Educational Program for each fiscal year of the biennium. Coupled with funds already appropriated for this strategy, a rider is amended to allow the commissioner to use \$150,000,000 to provide grants to increase or expand prekindergarten program quality standards in a manner determined by the legislature.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Johnson P. 134 840315</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$135,500,000 within TEA from the Foundation School Program -- Equalized Operations to the Statewide Educational Program for each fiscal year of the biennium. Coupled with funds already appropriated for this strategy, a rider is amended to allow the commissioner to use \$150,000,000 to provide grants to increase or expand prekindergarten program quality standards on the basis of eligible students in average daily attendance in a prekindergarten program (by formula).</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Johnson P. 136 840270</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$135,500,000 within TEA from the Foundation School Program -- Equalized Operations to the Statewide Educational Program for each fiscal year of the biennium. Coupled with funds already appropriated for this strategy, a rider is amended to allow the commissioner to use \$150,000,000 to administer funds for full day prekindergarten programs. By dedicating grant funds to full-day prekindergarten programs, Texas will make a cost-effective investment for children receiving early childhood education.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Johnson P. 137 840293</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$135,500,000 within TEA from the Foundation School Program -- Equalized Operations to the Statewide Educational Program for each fiscal year of the biennium. Coupled with funds already appropriated for this strategy, a rider is amended to allow the commissioner to use \$150,000,000 to administer funds for full day prekindergarten programs on the basis of eligible students in average daily attendance (by formula). By dedicating grant funds to full-day prekindergarten programs, Texas will make a cost-effective investment for children receiving early childhood education.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Crownover P.139 840186</p>	<p>This amendment adds 3 FTEs to the TEA in each fiscal year and specifies that they should provide expanded administrative services for the Communities in Schools program to achieve maximum service and efficiency. The Communities in Schools program provides critical social services such as counseling, basic skills training, crisis intervention and enrichment so that children have the support necessary to live up to their potential.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P.140 840731</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$500,000 of Article X appropriations from the Senate and \$500,000 from the House of Representatives to support Early College High School and T-STEM programs for the biennium. These programs increase Texas' high school graduation rate. Additionally, T-STEM programs increase the number of students going on to pursue college degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, directly impacting the growth of our workforce and our economy.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Giddings P.141 840354</p>	<p>The amendment removes the explicit restriction to use no more than the appropriated amounts for providing recorded instructional materials for the visually impaired and related outreach.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Hernandez P.142 840329</p>	<p>This amendment requires that \$500,000 of the \$3,000,000 annual allocation for Early College High School and T-STEM be used to primarily support STEM-focused early college high schools. This would help Texas stay competitive in STEM fields and give young graduates the skills they need to be successful adults.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P. 143 840732</p>	<p>This amendment requires that \$500,000 of the \$3,000,000 annual allocation for Early College High School and T-STEM be used to primarily support STEM-focused early college high schools. This would help Texas stay competitive in STEM fields and give young graduates the skills they need to be successful adults.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Giddings P. 144 840355</p>	<p>This amendment requires that Teach for America (TFA) submit a yearly report to the Commissioner of Education communicating how appropriated funds were used and providing relevant data on TFA teachers, including if teachers are still working in their originally assigned schools or geographic regions, how many teachers are bilingual, and their ethnicity. This would foster accountability within the TFA program, which is often criticized for its high turnover.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P. 145 840693</p>	<p>Contingent on legislation to expand prekindergarten or increase the quality standards for prekindergarten programs, this amendment would allocate \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$300,000,000 in FY 2017 from the Foundation School Fund for prekindergarten programs.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P. 146 840692</p>	<p>Contingent on legislation to expand prekindergarten or increase the quality standards for prekindergarten programs, this amendment would allocate \$1,000,000 in FY 2016 and \$300,000,000 in FY 2017 from the Foundation School Fund for prekindergarten programs. Specific guidelines are laid out for the Commission of Education to increase the basic allotment for FY17 if the amount for implementation of the legislation is less than \$300,000,000.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P. 147 840698</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$500,000 of Foundation School Program funding annually for the biennium for open-enrollment charter schools that primarily serve students eligible to receive special education services. This would benefit youth with special needs who may be best served in the charter school system.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Herrero P. 148 840367</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider prohibiting the use of TEA-appropriated funds for school vouchers or to support tax-credit scholarships. This keeps funding in the schools and therefore benefits public education, giving more funds to schools that are increasingly struggling to provide for their students.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Rodriguez, E. P. 149 840729</p>	<p>This amendment provides that if there any unexpected revenues for school funding during the biennium, they go towards funding prekindergarten, contingent on the passage of a prekindergarten bill.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P. 150 840768</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider following the TEA appropriations, contingent on passage of HB 4 or similar legislation. It allocates funds for a high-quality prekindergarten program, appropriating \$200,000,000 annually for the biennium to fund school districts and open enrollment charter schools implementing prekindergarten. This would fund needed prekindergarten programs and benefit low- and middle-income Texas families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Springer P. 151 840764</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits the allocation of funding to school districts that knowingly violate the Texas Constitution. This may be in response to some school districts providing health insurance for LGBT partners of district employees. The amendment would take funding away from those districts for recognizing LGBT unions. However, this amendment could be read to suggest that it would defund any school district not currently equitably funding public education among all students, which would strain Texas families by taking away public school funding.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. VanDeaver P. 152 840203</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider contingent on passage of HB 1474 or similar legislation that would allocate \$527,434,663 in FY 2016 for Technology/Instructional Materials for public schools by decreasing appropriations for State Instructional Materials for FY 2017. This would allow schools to purchase new textbooks in FY2016 rather than in FY2017, providing needed instructional support to public school classrooms.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, C. P. 153 840430</p>	<p>This amendment requires the comptroller of public accounts to study, estimate, and report to the legislature every 6 months if the revenue for the Foundation School Program will exceed or be less than the amount anticipated. This will allow the legislature to accurately determine funding needs and to respond accordingly.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Walle P. 154 840445</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider contingent on passage of HB 4 or similar Pre-K legislation, moving \$105,000,000 from the DPS Recruitment, Retention, and Support strategy and \$117,500,000 from TEA's Assessment & Accountability System, totaling \$222,500,000 for the biennium, to establish high quality prekindergarten in the fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2015. This will benefit low and middle-income Texas families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Coleman P. 155 840308</p>	<p>Harassment in schools is a major problem, but data is notoriously hard to collect. What we do know is that suicide is one of the leading causes of death among young people, and a major study found that at least half of suicides among young people are related to bullying. Further, over 160,000 kids stay home each year due to fears of being bullied. To help the state come to terms with this problem, this amendment directs the Texas Education Agency to collect data and report on instances of bullying based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, ethnicity, color, gender identity/expression, disability, religion, or national origin.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Springer P. 156 840701</p>	<p>This amendment dictates that funding for Educator Certification will be pulled if the educator’s code of ethics violates the Texas Constitution or any other Texas law as determined by the Attorney General. This bill is a reaction to AISD allowing same-sex partner insurance coverage, but may have the unintended consequence of defunding all state schools due to court findings that schools are inequitably funded- in violation of the Texas State Constitution.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P. 157 840697</p>	<p>This amendment allocates \$7,000,000 from the Assessment & Accountability System in each of the fiscal years 2016-17 to pay for administering college preparation assessment instruments.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Moody P. 158 840454</p>	<p>This amendment allocates \$2,250,000 of the Technology/Instructional Materials fund in each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to support the Reasoning Mind program. The Reasoning Mind is a nonprofit organization that strives to teach comprehensive mathematics to Texas children using a combination of instruction and technology.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Moody P. 159 840455</p>	<p>This amendment instructs the Commissioner of Education to engage with an object third party expert with no ties to the test creators, to determine on the basis of empirical evidence whether the student assessments are valid and reliable for their determined purposes. This benefits Texas children and schools by making sure that the tools used to assess their success are accurate and appropriate.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P. 160 840748</p>	<p>This amendment directs the TEA to conduct a study investigating economic and demographic differences between enrolled students in one region served by either a public school or an open-enrollment charter school. The TEA shall submit a report with details of this study to all members of the legislature no later than December 31, 2016. This provides the state with more information on which to base school choice legislation in the future.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farias P. 161 840450</p>	<p>This amendment directs TEA to compile details regarding fees collected from the students by the charter schools. The TEA will annually produce and submit a report based on this information to the Legislature. This promotes transparency and protects charter students.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farias P. 162 840449</p>	<p>This amendment mandates that TEA collect information from all open-enrollment charter schools related to the number of students who enrolled but did not complete the school year at that school. This provides the state with more information on which to base school choice legislation in the future.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Miles P. 163 840734</p>	<p>This amendment instructs TEA to conduct a study looking into the effects of open-enrollment charter schools on community cohesion, and the devolution of the traditional public school as a unifying community feature since charter schools started opening in Texas. TEA will report these results to the legislature not later than January 15th, 2017. This will help the legislature with determining whether open-enrollment charter schools help or hurt Texans so that school choice legislation can be revisited next session.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.164 840459</p>	<p>This amendment divides the Texas Education Opportunity Grant into two strategies: Public Community Colleges, and Public State and Technical Colleges. Public Community Colleges shall receive \$48, 835,970 of the \$53,082,576 originally appropriated to Texas Education Opportunity Grant, and Public State and Technical Colleges receive the remaining \$4,246,606, annually during the 2016/2017 biennium.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Tinderholt P.165 840421</p>	<p>This amendment removes the Border Faculty Loan Repayment Program from the Higher Education Coordinating Board for each fiscal year of the biennium. This removes the incentive for teachers to move to the border regions where there is a need for educators and faculty.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.166 840786</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that funding for the Higher Education Coordinating Board is contingent on said Board certifying to the comptroller that they have established a tracking system for initial residency program choices by medical school graduates, and initial practice choices of residency students.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.167 840775</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that all public institutions of higher learning, who receive appropriations under the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, compile a report detailing incidents, either on or off campus, based on racial, ethnic, or gender bias, and each complaint of racial insensitivity made to the institution. The report shall include any student groups involved in the complaints, and the institution’s policies concerning said incidents and be submitted to the legislature. This will allow Universities to prevent embarrassing circumstances that paint the school and state in a bad light, and identify which institutions need the most help in valuing and educating their students of color.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.168 840787</p>	<p>This amendment stipulates that any student receiving a Texas Armed Services Scholarship, who does not maintain eligibility or continue to meet scholarship requirements, may be replaced by another eligible student.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P. 169 840179</p>	<p>This amendment creates a permanent fund to support graduate medical education, contingent on passage of SB 18 or similar legislature. The funds are appropriated to the Graduate Medical Education Expansion, at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Other Funds for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 biennium. This would help fill our shortage of health professionals by keeping medical students in Texas for their residency periods and for future employment.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Alonzo P. 170 840079</p>	<p>This amendment allows the Commissioner of Higher Education to allocate funds to monitor whether public institutions of higher education meet compliance and implementation standards. This would improve accountability among public institutions of higher education, accounting for funds more thoroughly and requiring deficient institutions to develop and submit a plan of action to correct deficiencies.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Elkins P. 171 840320</p>	<p>This amendment requires that when the UT Systems submit a request for a capitol project, that they attest that the project would be subject to all laws and ordinances that it would be subject to if the project were undertaken by a non-state agency.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P. 173 840217</p>	<p>This amendment increases the appropriations by \$133,449 for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 from the general revenue fund to the University of Texas at San Antonio for the South-West Texas Border Network SBDC. This amendment increases the amount appropriated in Rider 3 from \$1,334,486 per each fiscal year 2016 and 2017 to \$1,467,935 per each fiscal year 2016 and 2017 contingent upon certification by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the amount that is certified is less than the maximum amount allocated (\$2,935,870), the amounts allocated shall be reduced to be within the amounts certified.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P. 174 840300</p>	<p>This amendment increases the appropriations by \$133,449 each year from the general revenue fund to the University of Texas at San Antonio for the South-West Texas Border Network SBDC, contingent on certification by the comptroller. If the certification is less than allotted, then the amounts will be reduced accordingly.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P. 175 840218</p>	<p>This amendment appropriates \$1,500,000 per FY 2016-17, to UT-San Antonio to support the Small Business Development Center Texas Export Initiative, contingent upon the comptroller certify that the increased activities from the SW TX Border Network Small Business Development Center will generate at least \$3,000,000 for the 2016-17 biennium in additional revenue.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bell P. 176 840303</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$6,800,000 for each FY 2016-17, from University of Houston Operations Support to Prairie View A&M University to be used for grants for the Agriculture Research Center and Extension and Public Service. This would put schools that do not receive Tier I funding against each other, which is negative for the state and for the students.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Bonnen, G. P. 177 840178</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$2,173,534 each FY 2016-17 from Texas A&M-Texarkana to UH-Clear Lake for Downward Expansion. This pits schools against each other for funding, which is bad for the students and bad for Texas.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>

<p>Rep. Coleman P. 178 840342</p>	<p>Allows the University of Houston to continue its consolidation of its health-related programs. Over the past two years, UH has consolidated its health-related programs into a Health Science Center and is in the process of developing a second building, for which a tuition revenue bond has been requested. In its next step, UH plans to add new programs in nursing, a doctoral program in Physical Therapy, and a Primary care Clinic in partnership with a Federally Qualified Health Clinic. The primary care clinic will include early behavioral health center to treat and provide preventive care for addictive behaviors and conditions such as obesity, diabetes, and hypertension.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Crownover P.179 840185</p>	<p>This amendment revises the amount appropriated for Texas Women’s University Governing Board from \$35,000 to \$45,000.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez, M. P.180 840297</p>	<p>This amendment allows University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley to create a Center for Mexican-American Studies and a Center for Bilingual Education. Funding for the Centers may come from the general funding appropriated to the university, to the extent funds are available.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Landgraf P.181 840363</p>	<p>This amendment exempts Odessa College from returning unobligated balances to the State Treasury.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schubert P.182 840187</p>	<p>This amendment strikes the rider mandating Blinn College appropriate funding to each campus based on that campus’s share of total contact hours.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.183 840695</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$500,000 each FY 2016-17, from Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station General Revenue Fund No. 1 to Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station General Revenue Fund No. 5071. The amendment also moves \$500,000 from the Nuclear Power Institute to the Energy Systems Laboratory for providing reports required under TCEQ Health and Safety Code, in order to receive emissions credit.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Simpson P. 184 840381</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$15,000,000 from Office of the Attorney General Film and Music Marketing, to Texas A&M Forest Service Texas Wildfire Protection Plan.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>

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<p>Rep. Stickland P.185 840371</p>	<p>This amendment reduces funds for Institutes of Higher Learning who award aid for persons not legally authorized to be present in the United States. The amount of any tuition waiver, exemptions, or student financial aid awarded to persons not legally authorized to be in the United States shall result in an equal amount deducted from the general revenues appropriated the following year. Federal funds, and those required by law, will not be factored into total withheld. Texas has been a leader in providing in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants, because we recognize children should not be held responsible for their parents’ decisions. This amendment takes a personal action against students in attempts to sabotage their efforts to become productive, contributing members of society.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article IV The Judiciary</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Canales P.187 840345</p>	<p>This amendment increases the annual appropriations from GR to Texas Veterans commission by \$250,000 and stipulates that it will be used to fund the Veteran Treatment Courts Program. This is beneficial is meeting both Speaker and Supreme Court’s mandate to provide aid to veterans and their legal needs.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P.188 840358</p>	<p>This amendment restricts funds appropriated for Basic Civil Legal Services from being used to pay for salaries or wages of attorneys, or to compensate an employee earning over \$90,000 each fiscal year.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schofield P.189 840362</p>	<p>This amendment seeks to establish a separate state prosecutorial office and remove prosecutorial jurisdiction from the Travis County District Attorney in the prosecution of elected officials. Contingent on the enactment of HB 3543, this amendment appropriates funds totaling \$6,608,930, over the 2016-17 biennium, from Insurance Companies Maintenance Tax and Department Fees to establish the Office of Public Integrity Prosecutions with jurisdiction over offenses against public administration, including ethics, insurance fraud, and motor fuels tax.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article V - Public Safety and Criminal Justice</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Hughes P.191 840761</p>	<p>Recent court challenges have asserted that the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) is unfairly classifying certain ownership stakes among retailers, manufacturers, and distributors. Contingent on passage of SB 1198, HB 3104, or similar legislation, this amendment strikes the existing Rider 13 and creates a new rider that allows alcoholic beverage license and permit holders and their affiliates to have ownership interests in more than one tier of the alcoholic beverage industry. Approximately \$600k is set aside to ensure compliance with the amendment.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.192 840782</p>	<p>This amendment redirects \$10,000,000 over the biennium from Correctional Security Operations within TDCJ to the Commission on Jail Standards. The amendment establishes the Office of the Independent Oversight Ombudsman (OIOO) for TDCJ, which would ensure more humane jail standards by investigating and evaluating complaints of those under TDCJ supervision. Given the recent prison revolt at Willacy County Correctional Facility, where prisoners were housed in Kevlar tents and deplorable conditions, this oversight will help to ensure that basic human rights are protected, thereby reducing litigation.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Parker P.193 840201</p>	<p>This amendment funds from TDCJ’s Diversion Programs for the Prison Entrepreneurship Program, to support the expansion of its pre- and post-release initiatives during the coming biennium. This will help reduce recidivism by increasing life and work skills of incarcerated and newly-released persons.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Dutton P.194 840410</p>	<p>TDCJ is required to ensure that information is made available to incarcerated individuals on a variety of issues. This amendment promotes civic engagement by adding that information on voting rights be made available for those re-entering society.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.195 840745</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to require TDCJ to conduct a study on halfway houses to assess whether or not they operate in a discriminatory manner. As we seek to reduce our prison population, addressing systemic issues in halfway houses is critical to ensuring successful re-integration of all offenders.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.196 840733</p>	<p>Requires TDCJ to conduct a study on the effectiveness of reentry programs. The report must rank reentry program locations based upon increased participant employment or educational attainment and based upon reduced recidivism, promoting effective reentry services and helping to identify where deficiencies exist.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.197 840744</p>	<p>HB 272 would allow for the automatic release of certain offenders to mandatory supervision once their calendar time and good conduct equal the full term of their sentence. Both measures assist in reducing the prison population and restoring the capacity of incarcerated individuals to effectively function in society. This amendment states that any cost savings that result from HB 272 be redirected back into reentry programs.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.198 840743</p>	<p>Adds a rider stipulating TDCJ may contract for halfway house beds in locations where contracts existed on August 31, 2015, provided they are not adding beds. Any additional contracted beds must be limited to locations other than those situated in metropolitan areas that held contracts in 2015.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P.199 840182</p>	<p>The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) reduced its incarcerated population by two-thirds between 2007 and 2012. The shift to community supervision had a dramatically positive impact on recidivism rates but left the agency with excess capacity and a need to address organizational efficiency. This amendment adds a rider, allowing TJJD to transfer appropriated funds between strategies for state-operated facilities not to exceed 25% of the appropriated item from which the transfer is being made to support efficiency, transparency, and safety of staff and youth.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. McClendon P.200 840183</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to allow appropriations transfers, without limitation, between the following probation strategies within the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD): basic supervision, community programs, pre and post adjudication facilities, and mental health services. This will allow TJJD full discretion to utilize their funding to the maximum benefit of youth undergoing rehabilitation.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. McClendon P.201 840191</p>	<p>This amendment promotes employee retention and continuity of therapeutic services by granting TJJD the authority to give employees in maximum security units and specialized behavioral management units raises of up to 6.8% over base salary rates for similar positions elsewhere in TJJD.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rose P.202 840230</p>	<p>This amendment would allow the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to transfer appropriated funds from state-operated facilities to probation services, if state facilities' population has declined. If a transfer is not made, the reasoning behind this decision must also be reported. This amendment promotes the efficiency of TJJD by moving funds misspent on excess capacity to support rehabilitation services that keep youth close to their families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.203 840742</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to require the Juvenile Justice Department to conduct a study on sentencing disparities to ascertain the effects that race, socio-economic factors, and geographic location play in the sentencing of youth. Such a study would be a first step in addressing discriminatory treatment of minority youth in the courts.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Huberty P.204 840394</p>	<p>This amendment reallocates \$1,100,000 from the Department of Agriculture to the Military Department for each year of the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2017.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Huberty P.205 840397</p>	<p>The amendment moves \$3 million over the biennium from the Texas Facilities Commission to the state's military department, to increase funds for state training missions for non-emergency homeland security, disaster, and humanitarian efforts. Our state's facilities are in disrepair, and many fixes and upgrades are needed. If Rainy Day Fund dollars could replace the \$3 million taken from the Facilities Commission, the amendment would be favorable, but without identifying how to replace these much needed funds, it remains unclear.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Huberty P.206 840395</p>	<p>The amendment moves \$450,000, over the biennium, from the Commission on the Arts Cultural Tourism Grants to the Military Department, to increase funds for state training missions for non-emergency homeland security, disaster, and humanitarian efforts.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



<p>Rep. Bell P.207 840305</p>	<p>This amendment takes \$795,000, per year in 2016 and 2017, from the State Training Missions and reallocates the funds to the Texas State Guard.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.208 840386</p>	<p>This amendment substitutes language in the appropriations to DPS, changing “Goal: Secure Border Region” to “Goal: Secure Texas.”</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Gutierrez P.209 840349</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriations to DPS for state grants to local entities by \$1,800,000 per year for 2016-2017 and the associated performance measure target. It adds a rider to appropriations for the Department of Aging and Disability Services reallocating this amount to pay nurses at state supported living centers an additional \$10 per hour in hazardous duty pay, supporting both fair compensation and employee retention.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Nevárez P.210 840419</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$5,000,000 per year for 2016 and 2017 from the DPS strategy of recruitment, retention, and support to the DPS strategy for state grants to local entities. Currently, there is concern that local law enforcement will leave their positions for better paying state trooper positions, working on border security operations. This amendment could help to address pay disparities and promote the retention of competent local enforcement.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Herrero P.211 840359</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$2,000,000 per year of the biennium from state grants to local entities for border security operations to DPS Crime Laboratory Services to reduce the DPS crime laboratory backlog by outsourcing evidence testing. This promotes justice through the proper and timely processing of evidence.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Canales P.212 840344</p>	<p>This amendment will fund DNA testing and DNA storage for cases that involve border related deaths in border counties, with emphasis on unidentified human remains and migrant death repatriation. \$2,000,000 per fiscal year 2016 and 2017 moves to DPS Extraordinary Operations to DPS Crime Laboratory Services. This is beneficial in helping Texas law enforcement to identify killed persons at and near the border and return them dead to their families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Blanco P.213 840763</p>	<p>In 2014, there were 115 recorded deaths in a 316-mile stretch of the Rio Grande Valley. This amendment moves \$5,000,000 per fiscal year 2016-2017 between strategies within DPS, from extraordinary operations to state grants to local entities, requiring that this amount be used for a Border Death Humanitarian and Identification Fund. It authorizes DPS to appoint a grants coordinator and an advisor to assist with grant proposals and annual reporting for humanitarian aims. The new fund would aid local community efforts toward the prevention of migrant deaths and in the identification of those who have already died seeking refuge.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Nevárez P.216 840313</p>	<p>This amendment will reallocate funding from appropriations to DPS for state grants to local entities and fund one of the Governor’s Trusted Programs, Criminal Justice strategy, beginning August 31, 2016 and ending August 31, 2017. These funds will be used as grants and awarded to law enforcement agencies in Operation Border Star. The Governor’s office must provide submit an outcomes report to LBB.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Gutierrez P.218 840350</p>	<p>Offers additional funds to Game Wardens to supplement DPS Border Patrol security by reallocating \$1,000,000 each year for two years ending August 31, 2016 and August 31, 2017 from general appropriations to the Networked Intelligence and reallocates to Parks and Wildlife to fund local law enforcement, management, and support, and adjusted appropriately.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Canales P.219 840346</p>	<p>The amendment moves \$1 million of funds set aside for the border security surge into economic development grants targeted for the following counties: Willacy, Hidalgo, Starr and Cameron Counties. It makes sense to balance out funds going to the border region to ensure that, in addition to keeping our citizens safe, we promote economic growth and job creation in these counties.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.220 840710</p>	<p>This amendment reduces appropriated funds from DPS Extraordinary operations by \$10,000,000 and HHS Commission Alternative to Abortion by \$5,000,000 for the 2016-2017 Biennium. It is not indicated where these funds are reallocated. Appropriations from Department of State Health Services are increased by \$1,875,000 from the Texas Workforce Commission for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 Biennium to fund Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Investment Act-Youth, TANF Choices, and Senior Employment Services.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.221 840707</p>	<p>This amendment will allocate \$1,500,000 for the development or enhancement of entertainment venues in Houston located near storm water detention ponds. Funding will be reduced from DPS Extraordinary Funds by \$1,000,000 and reduced HHSC Alternatives to Abortion by \$500,000 for the 2016-2017 Biennium And reallocated to the Office of the Governor’s Trusteed Programs for Tourism. Willow Waterhole Detention Basin is a conservation reserve and was established by local residence and agencies as a flood control recovery effort to diversify 200 acres into community accessible green space. The project seeks to create an outdoor pavilion space that will be utilized for events and attract tourism.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.222 840073</p>	<p>This amendment funds the Historical Commission to audit and update official historical site markers of plantations and other sites throughout Texas and recognize contributions of slaves to the site’s existence and prosperity. Funding is taken from DPS Extraordinary Funds under Article V in the amount of \$500,000 and funded to the Historical Commission under Article I for each year of the 2016-2017 Biennium.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.223 840074</p>	<p>This amendment will allocate \$1,500,000 for the development or enhancement of entertainment venues in Houston located near storm water detention ponds. Funding will be reduced from DPS Extraordinary Funds by \$1,000,000 and reduced HHSC Alternatives to Abortion by \$500,000 for the 2016-2017 Biennium And reallocated to the Office of the Governor’s Trusteed Programs for Tourism. Appropriations of these amounts is contingent upon any recipient providing proof of dollar for dollar matching funds to the agency. Willow Waterhole Detention Basin is a conservation reserve and was established by local residence and agencies as a flood control recovery effort to diversify 200 acres into community accessible green space. The project seeks to create an outdoor pavilion space that will be utilized for events and attract tourism.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Gutierrez P.225 840281</p>	<p>This amendment will provide a 5% salary increase for Registered Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses by reallocating DPS Extraordinary Operations funds to DSHS Mental Health State Hospitals in the amount of \$3,414,326 for each year of the 2016-2017 Biennium. This will positively benefit the reduced workforce of nurses throughout Texas and potentially attract qualified out-of-state practitioners.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Gutierrez P.226 840276</p>	<p>This amendment reallocates appropriated funds from DPS Extraordinary Operations to DPS Emergency Preparedness in the amount of \$5,000,000 of each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 Biennium. The allocation of the funds is not stated.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.227 840741</p>	<p>This amendment funds institutional enhancements of Texas Southern University by reallocating funds from DPS Extraordinary Operations to Art III TSU in the amount of \$2,920,144 for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 biennium. TSU is a state institution of higher education that serves many diverse learners throughout the state and contributes intellectual property that benefits the entire state of Texas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.228 840746</p>	<p>This amendment increases appropriations to HHSC Perinatal Services in the amount of \$20,000,000 for the 2016/2017 biennium. \$15,000,000 shall come from DPS Extraordinary Operations, and the remaining \$5,000,000 shall come from HHSC Alternative to Abortion fund. This is beneficial because it funds services for pregnant mothers throughout the state in need of prenatal services who live 200% below the poverty line.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.229 840737</p>	<p>This amendment increases current funding allocated to the Surplus Agricultural Product Grant Program from \$3,400,000 to \$18,000,000 to offset the costs of harvesting, gleaning, and transporting agricultural products to Texas food banks. Funding is transferred from DPS Extraordinary Operations to Department of Agriculture Nutrition Assistance, in the amount of \$14,600,000 for the 2016-17 biennium. This is beneficial to ensure agricultural products are transported and able to be utilized at Texas food banks.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Walle P.230 840374</p>	<p>This amendment funds the Texas Grant Program by giving \$52,500,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 Biennium and removes DPS Recruitment, Retention and Support appropriations for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 Biennium. Texas Grant Program offers financial assistance to financially challenged students attending public colleges throughout the state.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Moody P.231 840452</p>	<p>This amendment reduces the appropriation for Recruitment, Retention and Support in the Department of Public Safety, by \$4,171,718 in fiscal year 2016 and by \$6,328,281 in fiscal year 2017. This money is then moved to Border Security Operations, increasing the funding from \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 to \$8,671,718 and increasing funding from \$4,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 to \$10,828,281.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



<p>Rep. Miles P.232 840736</p>	<p>This amendment reduces the appropriation for Recruitment, Retention and Support in DPS by \$1,919,044 for each fiscal year of the 2016-2017 biennium. This money will be moved to the Department of Criminal Justice for Academic/Vocational Training, increasing the amount of general revenue funds by \$1,919,044 for each fiscal year of the 2016-17 biennium, to provide 6 state funded credit hours to inmates eligible to participate in the Postsecondary Education program. This would assist inmates in transitioning out of corrections and into the community successfully after their release.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Paddie P.233 840252</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$1,000,000 from TXDOTs advertising budget to the DPS to pay for the driver's license and highway patrol facility.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Reynolds P.234 840301</p>	<p>This amendment reduces the appropriations in the Department of Public Safety by \$50 million in each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017. This money is moved to adding a rider funding body-worn cameras, adding \$50 million to each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to equip local law enforcement officers with body worn cameras. This will increase accountability among officers and improve public trust when interacting with officers.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.235 840257</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to appropriate some funds to aid state and local law enforcement agencies in outfitting local peace officers with body cameras. This would help garner accountability among officers and improve public trust.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Canales P.236 840348</p>	<p>This amendment adds language to DPS regarding the Seized Assets Report. With regard to the receipts in the report that the DPS is required to file, the specific criminal offense for which seizure of assets was based and whether charges were brought in connection of the offense, as well as the disposition of charges should be included in the report. This will improve accountability with DPS.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Canales P.237 840347</p>	<p>This amendment is a rider requesting a funding report, about the 300 new troopers for the border region, to LBB requiring a list of the names of law enforcement agencies from which the agency has recruited or hired officers during the last quarter and include the number of officers recruited from each Texas law enforcement agency. This will help the state keep track of where there are shortages of officers at the local level due to troopers moving up from local law enforcement to state trooper status in and around small towns and counties.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.238 840398</p>	<p>This amendment replaces a rider calling for 300 new employees, which would include commissioned officers, criminal investigators, and support personnel, rather than 300 new troopers. 250 of these employees would still be required to be located in the border region. Appropriations in this rider may be used to fund 23-week recruit schools to graduate entry-level probationary commissioned officers. This amendment gives DPS flexibility in staffing the border region as they deem useful rather than forcing them to use the money only for troopers.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Guillen P.240 840077</p>	<p>This amendment replaces a rider calling for 300 new employees, which would include commissioned officers, criminal investigators, and support personnel, rather than 300 new troopers. 250 of these employees would still be required to be located in the border region. Appropriations in this rider may be used to fund 23-week recruit schools to graduate entry-level probationary commissioned officers. This amendment gives DPS flexibility in staffing the border region as they deem useful rather than forcing them to use the money only for troopers.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez, "Mando" P.242 840296</p>	<p>This amendment reduces DPS Crime Records Services funding by \$2,519,174 for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017. It strikes rider 43 and replaces it with a rider for the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center, contingent on the passage of HB 11. It would increase funding by \$2,519,174 for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to fund the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center for communications infrastructure, an intelligent transportation system, and fiber optics networks to provide border security in border communities. This would help the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center with necessary technology upgrades to make sure information is communicated efficiently.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Moody P.243 840453</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for a study on Migrant Death and Repatriation of Migrant Corpses. This rider would use funds already appropriated to DPS to study the causes and methods of prevention of death and the means of recovery and identifying the bodies of deceased migrants, and returning their corpses to their next of kin or country of origins. This would help Texas determine strengths and weaknesses in the current methods, potentially leading to lives saved in the future.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.244 840078</p>	<p>This amendment mandates that DPS funding for "Secure Border Region" be used to secure the border through counterterrorism, criminal interdiction, intelligence and organized crime operations etc., but may not be used for the enforcement of traffic laws involving vehicles.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.245 840727</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for DPS highway patrol troopers serving along Texas-Mexico border to have border security enforcement responsibilities in addition to regular responsibilities.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Simpson P.246 840383</p>	<p>The amendment would guarantee that DPS cannot spend any funds collected through judicial forfeiture unless the person whose assets were seized is convicted or placed in deferred adjudication. DPS may only spend those funds if they were appropriated to them.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.247 840387</p>	<p>The amendment would allow DPS to send 10 vehicles to Walker and Hidalgo County for use by the local law enforcement agencies.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.248 840388</p>	<p>The amendment removes the requirement that 250 of the 300 new troops for the increased border security operations be stationed along the border, instead specifying that all the troops may be stationed anywhere across the state. This would allow DPS to have the flexibility to place officers wherever DPS and local law enforcement determine will be most effective for the state’s public safety goals.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.249 840389</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider considering the DPS fiscal impact reporting on Border Security by including the effectiveness of cost containment measures. Reporting also includes measure to reduce expenses related to border security. DPS must begin reporting each year of the Biennium on September 1, 2015 and must be submitted to the legislative and executive budget offices no later than 45 days after the last day of the fiscal year. This is beneficial in ensuring exorbitant border security funding is fiscally efficient and responsible.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.250 840390</p>	<p>The amendment requires DPS to do a cost containment study to determine whether or not its functions are efficient, could be enhanced with technological support, or may completed better by outsourcing to a private contractor.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Tinderholt P.251 840422</p>	<p>This amendment prohibits DPS from using appropriated funds to collect an applicant’s thumbprint, or if unavailable, an index fingerprint, during the issuance of a new or renewed driver’s license or personal ID certificate. These funds cannot be used to collect a full set of fingerprints or establish a database for collected prints. It’s unclear why this partial collection versus full collection of prints is being stipulated under this amendment.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Gutierrez P.252 840196</p>	<p>This amendment requires that DPS must provide notification of emergency purchases to the legislature or the designated legislative oversight committee, pursuant to Section 2155.137 of the Government Code, made in the amount of \$50,000 or more, no later than seven days prior to purchase. There has been debate about whether this amount should be higher thereby allowing DPS the discretion to make emergency purchase.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Dale P.253 840198</p>	<p>This amendment allocates funds to DPS for the purchase of aircraft, expense of flight personnel, and operating costs for the aircraft and removes funds Article II HHSC funding in the amount \$51 million to cover DPS expenses under this amendment. The HHSC funding that is removed must be taken from the Center for Elimination of Disproportionality and Disparities before pulling from any other HHSC Article II funding sources. This is an egregious reallocation of necessary HHSC funding that supports countless Texas families, especially pursuant to the lack of funding afforded to state Medicaid and Medicare in which numerous Texas families rely upon for basic medical care. Reasoning for DPS funding is not specified but is likely for Border Security.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guerra P.255 840286</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on the enactment of HB 11 and allocates funding from DPS State Grants to Local Entities for the operations of the Texas Transnational Intelligence Center in the amount of \$250,000 for each fiscal year during the 2016-2017 Biennium. The Transnational Intelligence Center is a facility to be run jointly by the police and sheriff’s department within the largest municipality along the Tex-Mex Border with a population over 700,000 but not exceeding 800,000. This is an extension of Border Security efforts to decrease drug smuggling and human trafficking at the Tex-Mex border.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



<p>Rep. Cook P.256 840269</p>	<p>This amendment transfers \$4,000,000 from appropriated DPS funds to The University of Texas Austin for use by the Center for Identity to help protect the public against identity theft. Any unused funds from the first fiscal year is rolled over for use during the second year of the 2016-2017 Biennium.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article VI - Natural Resources</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Stickland P.258 840205</p>	<p>This amendment removes funding appropriated under Article VI Department of Agricultural for Agricultural Production Development in the amount of \$900,000, to eliminate the Feral Hog Abatement Program (page VI-6), and requests the adjustment of financing accordingly. The appropriated funds are not reallocated.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Oliveira P.259 840225</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$1,188,000 each fiscal year 2016 and 2017 from the Animal Health Commission to the General Land Office and Veterans Land Board for Coastal Management, to provide state matching funds for the US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Texas Ecosystem Protection & Restoration Study and for the Texas Coastal Master Plan. It also adds a rider to Article VI to allocate above funds to Coastal Management.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.260 840694</p>	<p>This amendment requires TCEQ to allocate Air Quality Assessment & Planning funds prioritizing areas with larger populations, and receiving funding for a greater length of time. The amendment also places responsibility on the grant recipients, (instead of the TCEQ), to channel the funds to those projects most useful for the State Implementation Plan (SIP).</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Howard P.261 840696</p>	<p>This amendment removes the entirety of Rider 25- the Barnett Shale Permit by Rule Study.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Thompson, E. P.262 840226</p>	<p>This amendment provides funding of \$250,000 per biennium from Waste Disposal Account 5000, to conduct an environmental study of current and potential impacts of recycling, contingent on the passage of HB2763 or similar legislature.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Springer P.263 840766</p>	<p>This amendment allocates funds to TCEQ in the amount of approximately \$900K and is contingent on the passage of HB 1269, or similar legislation. HB 1269 allows counties of 50,000 or less, or local governments in the territory of those counties, to receive a supplemental environmental project in lieu of an administrative pecuniary penalty. Taking away these funds is punishment for implementing a more flexible system that allows counties to receive assistance instead of fines.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Villalba P.264 840368</p>	<p>This bill increases appropriated funds to the TCEQ in the amount of \$525,000 for the 2016-2017 Biennium for the sole use of compensating employees who expedite the processing of permit applications. This is in addition to appropriated funds TCEQ will receive for the 2016-2017 Biennium in the amount of \$475,000 each fiscal year. It's a conflict of interest to award TCEQ, a regulatory body that issues permits, financial compensation solely for the purpose of expediting permits. There is proposed legislation this session that is challenging whether the current permit process is moving too fast and not adequately addressing potential concerns that may be overlooked, especially in an expedited process. Financially incentivizing an expedited permit process will further disenfranchise TCEQ as an objective regulatory oversight body for the state.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.266 840735</p>	<p>This amendment requires TCEQ to conduct a demographic study on residential areas surrounding municipal solid waste facilities and submit the result to the legislature. Current issues regarding landfill leakage and waste hazards that are cause for social health concerns has prompted the need to conduct this studies of waste facilities located near residential areas. This amendment requires TCEQ to conduct a demographic study on residential areas surrounding municipal solid waste facilities and submit the result to the legislature. Current issues regarding landfill leakage and waste hazards that are cause for social health concerns has prompted the need to conduct this studies of waste facilities located near residential areas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Paddie P.267 840251</p>	<p>This amendment under Art VI-41 amends appropriated funds received from General Revenue, Unclaimed Refunds of Motorboat Fuel Tax, and Federal funds in the amount of t\$1.8 million for the Statewide Aquatic Vegetation and Invasive Species Management; \$150,000 of the appropriated funds is specifically designated the Cypress Valley Navigation District for use in management of Giant Salvinia and other invasive species at Caddo Lake. Federal funds make up approximately \$150,000 and is contingent on the receipt of a federal boating access grant.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Keffer P.268 840199</p>	<p>This amendment adds funding to the Parks and Wildlife Department Strategy for Improvement and Repairs in the amount of approximately \$2.6 million to be used specifically for planning and development for Palo Pinto Mountains State Park during the 2016 fiscal year. Funding for the preservation of state parks is good environmental policy and aids local tourism, though this seems especially high for planning and development purposes without indication more specifically how it will be applied.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Anderson, Charles "Doc" P.269 840181</p>	<p>This amendment adds the requirement that appropriated funds allocated for Big Bend Ranch State Park are to be used specifically for maintaining longhorn herd and developing and maintaining hiking and camping areas in the park. Funding for the preservation of state parks is good environmental policy and aids local tourism.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Lucio III P.270 840319</p>	<p>This amendment will increase TXPW funding \$300,000 in fiscal year 2016 for enhancing the City of Rio Hondo’s Boat Ramp and Park. Funds will be drawn from the Military Department general revenue funds for the department’s Facilities Maintenance strategy.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Darby P.271 840401</p>	<p>This amendment changes the use of funds appropriated to the Railroad Commission of Texas by replacing restriction on funds expended for specified capital budget items listed in the act and allows for the adjustment of expenditures subject to provisions of the act. It also removes an expenditure provision relating to lease purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Lucio III P.272 840318</p>	<p>This amendment requires Railroad Commission to submit a quarterly report to the LBB and governor’s office, detailing the sources & uses of water utilized during the oil & gas drilling process.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Anchia P.273 840190</p>	<p>This amendment, contingent to the passing of HB2191, allows the Railroad Commission to use up to \$2,000,000 of general revenue dedicated funds for the Railroad Commission to make their online website material in searchable format, organized by county, company, operator, and well (if applicable), and capable of being downloaded in bulk by August 1, 2017. Should the Railroad Commission not be able to comply with this deadline, due to inadequate funding from the BRE, then the commission will provide the LBB with the remainder of steps needed to comply.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Darby P.274 840400</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider allowing the Texas Railroad Commission to re-direct agency resources and transfer amounts appropriated in this Article between appropriation line items, giving them more flexibility with their funding.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Darby P.275 840402</p>	<p>This amendment makes changes to the Railroad Commission of Texas budget by permitting unused appropriated funds from the 2016 fiscal year to be used for the same purpose during the 2017 fiscal year. This appears to give more authorization to the RCT in allocating its unused funding in the first year of the Biennium to be used in the second year.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hughes P.276 840740</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider for Agricultural Water Conservation Monitoring. This moves up to \$1,800,000 from the Agricultural Water Conversation Fund to the Agricultural Water Conservation Grant Program. Grants from this program must be given to Groundwater Conservation Districts that are implementing water conservation monitoring programs and shall only be used as a 50% cost share with ground water conservation districts. The Texas Water Development Board shall prioritize programs that include funding for new devices that combine conservation with accurate measurements of water used. This will help Texas save more water and is important for the health of Texans, particularly in drought areas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



Article VII - Business and Economic Development

<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.278 840261</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider to move \$125,200,000 from the State-Federal National Mortgage Settlement general revenue funds to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to help certain organizations or governmental entities to make residential mortgage loans to residents in certain neighborhoods. This would benefit Texans because it would fund mortgage loans in areas that may not otherwise get mortgage loans.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.279 840259</p>	<p>This amendment will transfer \$125.2 million from State-Federal National Mortgage Settlement to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs to assist organizations and government entities making home loans in certain neighborhoods.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.280 840783</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to provide the notice and results of the required Environmental Review, along with technical assistance necessary to remedy any deficiencies found during the review, to the applicant who applied for financial assistance through the HOME Investor Partnerships program, no more than 90 days after the review's completion.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Sanford P.281 840212</p>	<p>This amendment to the Texas Lottery Commission removes the lottery operations section and the appropriation for that strategy. It also strikes through the central administration for the Texas Lottery Commission and the appropriation that goes with it. This takes funding away from public education in the way of lottery funds.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Sanford P.282 840321</p>	<p>This amendment, in the appropriations to the Texas Lottery Commission, reduces the amount of the retailer commission section appropriation by one-half of one percent of gross sales each state fiscal year of the biennium. It also strikes the rider related to the retailer commissions, increasing the percentage of gross sales for the lottery. This takes funding away from public education in the way of lottery funds.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Sanford P.283 840211</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider the Texas Lottery Commission, stating that unless required by contract entered in fiscal year 2015, amounts allocated may not be used to pay a lottery retailer before the last business day of fiscal year 2017.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Sanford P.284 840213</p>	<p>This amendment in Article VII changes Rider 11 by taking out "Any unexpended balances remaining from this appropriation as of August 31, 2016 are hereby appropriated for the same purposes for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016."</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>

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<p>Rep. Sanford P.285 840214</p>	<p>This amendment substitutes “none of the funds” with “funds” in sale of lottery related to the Texas Lottery Commission.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.286 840724</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider on Bond Programs, stipulating that out of amounts appropriated under Texas Mobility Fund, TxDOT must allocate \$15,000,000 in each year of the biennium to fund rural transit districts. This helps individuals living in rural areas of Texas gain access to public transit.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Burkett P.287 840283</p>	<p>Over the course of the biennium, TxDOT may collect more money in various funding streams than is currently projected in HB1. This amendment changes Article VII to allow TxDOT to use additional funds from State Highway Fund 6 over estimated appropriations by notifying the Governor and LBB instead of having to seek their approval for such uses. This grants TxDOT the ability to spend down various funding streams to make efficient use of their funding options.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.288 840756</p>	<p>This amendment requires TxDOT to conduct a study on TxDOT’s design- build contracts, detailing contractors and expenditures for each project, with the level of specificity and detail that department uses for reporting on traditionally competitively bid contracts.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Stickland P.289 840372</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the planning, acquisition, financing, development, construction, or operation of a light rail project unless specifically appropriated by this act. This amendment limits alternative methods of transportation that relieve traffic congestion in many cities in Texas.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hughes P.290 840751</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used either for the construction or to issue a grant to a political subdivision of Texas for the construction of a local commuter rail. This amendment limits alternative methods of transportation that relieve traffic congestion in many cities in Texas.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P.291 840311</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the construction of a tolled highway or the conversion of a nontolled highway to a tolled highway, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. Financing tolled highways is bad stewardship of funds due to of the resulting double taxation of motorists.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



<p>Rep. Leach P.292 840292</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the conversion of a nontolled high occupancy vehicle lane to a toll lane, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. Financing tolled motorways is bad stewardship of funds due to of the resulting double taxation of motorists.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Hughes P.293 840747</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the conversion of an existing vehicle lane to a bus lane, bike lane, or any special purpose lane, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. The TxDOT funds cannot be used to issue a grant to a political subdivision for the same purpose. This amendment prevents alternative methods of transportation commonly used to alleviate traffic congestion.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Rinaldi P.294 840216</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the construction of a toll lane, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. Financing tolled motorways is bad stewardship of funds because it results as double taxation of motorists.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P.295 840290</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the planning or construction of a toll lane, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. Financing tolled motorways is bad stewardship of funds because it results as double taxation of motorists.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Leach P.296 840291</p>	<p>This amendment prevents TxDOT funds from being used for the conversion of a nontolled highway to a tolled highway, if a design or construction contract was not entered into prior to September 1, 2015. Financing tolled motorways is bad stewardship of funds because it results as double taxation of motorists.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Pickett P.297 840287</p>	<p>Given the uncertainty of federal funding for transportation and tax revenues that have not kept pace with inflation, identifying sustainable methods of transportation finance is critical to maintaining roads and bridges and accommodating the state’s growing population and industries. Providing non-tolled facilities is considered good stewardship of public funds. This amendment adds a rider to Article VII requesting that TxDOT conduct a study on the feasibility of eliminating toll roads and paying down debt for this aim. The report would itemize the amount of debt service for each toll project, identify bonds that could be used for accelerated or complete payment of debt, and detail a plan to eliminate all toll roads except those constructed, owned, or operated by a private entity by specified methods.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Pickett P.298 840288</p>	<p>Contingent upon passage of HB 13 or similar legislation, this amendment temporarily suspends the financing of transportation projects through the issuance of bonds or credit agreements from the Texas Mobility Fund (TMF), State Highway Fund (SHF) Proposition 14, and Proposition 12 for the 2016-2017 biennium. HB 13 would overhaul transportation financing, discourage the construction of toll roads, and call for greater oversight of TxDOT. It works in tandem with HJR 13, unmentioned in the amendment, which would dedicate an additional \$3 billion plus 2% of the state sales and use tax to the SFH.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>

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<p>Rep. McClendon P.299 840192</p>	<p>The congestion on the I-35 corridor wastes significant amounts of fuel and is detrimental to air quality and safety. With more than 1,000 people moving to Texas daily, our transportation needs have far outpaced our current infrastructure. This amendment would reduce congestion and provide a long-term solution to address the needs of Central Texas, by proposing that \$2,645,000 of TxDOT’s appropriations for contract rail plan/design be used for the Lone Star Rail District. The project would provide a much needed rail alternative to I-35 for commuters and businessmen traveling between San Antonio and Austin.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Workman P.300 840310</p>	<p>This amendment allows the TWC to implement a workforce diploma pilot project with outside organizations. This project is intended to encourage adults to obtain their diploma and participate in technical training programs. Texas ranks last in the US for the percentage of adults with a high school diploma.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. King, S. P.301 840267</p>	<p>This amendment moves \$450,000 from the Texas Workforce Commission to the Texas Veterans Commission over the 2016-17 FY biennium.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Alvarado P.302 840323</p>	<p>This amendment creates Rapid Response Workforce Development services, replacing the Additional Skills Development funding. This will assist junior colleges in creating rapid curriculum development, customized training programs, instructor certification, and support services for businesses expanding to rural or urban community. No funding changes occur.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article VIII - Regulatory</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Oliveira P.304 840232</p>	<p>This amendment establishes the process for notifying employers of filing requirements for employers under Texas Workers Compensation Act. The Texas Division of Workers Compensation of TDI, the Texas Workforce Commission, comptroller of public accounts, and secretary of state will work together to create the filing requirements. Funding shall come from monies appropriated by TDI, Regulate Workman’s Comp. System.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.305 840772</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Dept. of Insurance complete a study of property claims related to uninsured drivers. The focus will center on drivers who are uninsured due to their inability to get a driver’s license because of immigration status; it will examine how other states have dealt with immigrants unable to obtain a license due to their current status. TDI shall fund this study with funds appropriated to this dept. by this act.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Krause P.306 840750</p>	<p>This amendment reduces all appropriations to the Racing Committee to \$0.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



<p>Rep. Isaac P.307 840184</p>	<p>This amendment instructs the Comptroller of Public Accounts to fund various strategies in the agency for a total of \$1,301,423 should the fees collected by the State Securities Board amount to more than anticipated.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p><u>Article IX - General Provisions</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.309 840759</p>	<p>This amendment establishes appropriation for a living wage policy for state agencies contingent on the passage of HB 174 or similar legislation out of the GR to state agencies. HB 174 mandates a minimum of a living wage salary for all employees of the state, political subdivisions of the state and vendors and contractors of a state agency. Identified entities are to pay each employee than greater of \$10.10 or the federal minimum wage.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.310 840771</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Texas Workforce Commission conduct a study on the living wage in Texas and provide a report with the results of that study and recommendations to address any identified inequalities in pay based on sex. This could provide evidence in the future to the benefits of increasing the minimum wage and the importance to work to reduce inequalities in pay based on sex.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.311 840760</p>	<p>This amendment requires a study on pay inequalities based on sex in Child Protective Services. The results of the study will include recommendations to address any identified inequalities.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Martinez Fischer P.312 840757</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Texas Workforce Commission conduct a study on salaries paid by a state agency during FY 2016, to determine the extent to which men and women receive equal pay for equal work. No later than Dec. 1, 2016, The Texas Workforce Commission will submit and provide a report with the results of that study, with recommendations to address any identified inequalities in pay based on sex, to the Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and each standing committee of the Senate & House having primary jurisdiction over matters relating to labor and employment.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.313 840228</p>	<p>This amendment requires the LBB to distribute a review of a funds expenditure requests to members from the House and Senate whose legislative district is undergoing mitigation of adverse environmental impact.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Stickland P.314 840206</p>	<p>This amendment prevents state agencies from using appropriated funds to make a grant or other distribution to a peace officer organization that establishes a political committee, is required to register as a lobbyist, or hires a person who is required to register as a lobbyist.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Stickland P.315 840370</p>	<p>This amendment prevents state agencies from using appropriated funds to make a grant or other distribution to a peace officer organization that establishes a political committee, or is required to register as a lobbyist, or hires a person who is required to register as a lobbyist.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Burrows P.316 840268</p>	<p>This amendment requires each state agency to submit a detailed report of how biennial expenditures may be reduced by 1, 5, and 10 percent. The LBB shall compile & submit said reports to the governor, Lt. governor, and Speaker by Dec. 31 of each even numbered year.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Blanco P.317 840424</p>	<p>This amendment creates a border security section substitute. It requires DPS, Texas Military Department, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Trusteed Programs within the Office of the Governor, TDCJ, and any other agency as requested by the LBB to report budgeted and expended amounts and performance results for border security twice a year. The report shall include, at a minimum, arrest rates for human trafficking, illicit drug transportation and smuggling, stolen vehicles used in illicit drug transportation or smuggling, smuggling of persons, and organized crime; illicit drugs seizure rate, including types of drugs; total numbers and of illicit drug interdictions in trafficking quantities; total numbers of currency seizures connected to organized crime arrests; currency creates a new border security seizure rate; and how the agencies spent money in connection to the performance results. This will help the legislature make adjustments next session based on successes and weaknesses of the individual agencies.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.320 840385</p>	<p>This amendment strikes the term “or hunting and fishing laws related to poaching” from the definition of border security.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.321 840399</p>	<p>This amendment adds requirements to Border Security, specifically to the report agencies must submit to the LBB. It requires information on the status and progress of law enforcement operations and activities targeting transnational gang and cartel activity; an analysis of spending, including information on salaries, equipment, and contracts related to operations; information on the impact of state operations on the resources of local law enforcement and the attrition of local law enforcement; and recommendations on minimizing disruption to local law enforcement authorities from state operations. This would help the 85th legislature to adjust border security based on strengths and weaknesses of the program.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Muñoz, Jr. P.323 840434</p>	<p>This amendment adds a requirement to Border Security. It mandates the Border Security Council shall develop and recommend to the Homeland Security Council performance standards, reporting requirements, and audit methods to ensure funds allocated for border security are used properly and that there is accountability for the funds. The Border Security Council will submit a report to the governor assessing the use of state agency funding for border security, including performance information, reporting requirements, and allocation of funding. This will increase accountability and help in making changes in the future by having a good baseline of information.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Stickland P.324 840369</p>	<p>This amendment requires certain state agencies to submit fiscal reporting relating to funds appropriated to each agency and used on persons not legally present in United States. The agencies requiring to submit reporting to the legislature for the 2016-2017 Biennium are TEA, TWC, HHSC, TDCJ and they must each submit separate fiscal reporting for expenditures used for each fiscal year during the Biennium. It is unclear why this reporting is necessary when there are instituted reporting mechanisms identifying non-US citizens receiving state assistance and thereby receiving state financial assistance. To require this in addition to current reporting mechanisms is a discriminatory practice, hurting undocumented immigrants.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Schaefer P.325 840755</p>	<p>This amendment requires the LBB to conduct a fiscal impact study and report monthly on spending capacity remaining under the constitutional spending limit. The reporting will compare the total amount of state tax revenue that is constitutionally designated and funding that could be expended but is not constitutionally designated. The monthly reports begins on the first month of the second quarter of the 2016-2017 Biennium and are due on the 15th day of each month during the Biennium. LBB will deliver the monthly report to the legislature and publish it to the LBB website for public viewing. This could be used as reasoning to cut taxes in the future.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Schaefer P.326 840752</p>	<p>This amendment requires the LBB to conduct a fiscal impact study and submit monthly reporting on state agency spending and designate for each agency how much of appropriated funds will not be spent before the end of the reported fiscal year. Monthly reporting begins on the first month of the second quarter of the 2016-2017 Biennium and are due on the 15th day of each month during the Biennium. LBB will deliver the monthly report to the legislature and publish it to the LBB website for public viewing. Monthly reporting seems excessive and unreasonable use of LBB resources; if necessary, more reliable reporting could be submitted by LBB in the first month of the last quarter of each fiscal year.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, E.S. P.327 840438</p>	<p>This amendment makes changes to the Information Resources Provision to include funds appropriated under this act for information technology may not allocated to state agencies unless (1) the agency has met all public access requirements and (2) the funds are used solely or in part for meeting public access requirements. It is not clear why it is necessary or significant to appropriate these funds in this manner, though ensuring public access to state agencies is good policy.</p>	<p><u>Favorable With Concerns</u></p>
<p>Rep. Farias P.328 840423</p>	<p>This amendment requires the Comptroller of Public Accounts to submit reporting on local financial matters to the legislature prior to the 85th Legislative Session. The report must include each municipality, county, school district, and other districts authorized to impose a tax. The report will identify: (1) the amounts of local debt authorized and issued by local districts; and (2) the effects state and federal unfunded mandates or mandated reductions have on each district's operations, financial planning, and bond rating. Having a better understanding of the financial situation of local entities is important in fiscal planning and ultimately helps the legislature to best serve Texas families.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Guillen P.329 840728</p>	<p>This amendment requires that DPS conduct a study of the economic impact of increased traffic enforcement in the Texas-Mexico border region. DPS must submit a report of these findings to the legislature no later than December 31, 2016. This will be funded with appropriations already allocated to DPS, the Workforce Commission, and the Comptroller. This amendment would provide a valuable metric to access the local consequences of a border surge.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Miles P.330 840780</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider related to increased utilization of Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB). It requires the University of Houston to make a good faith effort in increasing contracts with HUB by 10-20% in each procurement category in which there are HUB goals. The university shall submit a report related to its efforts to comply with this requirement to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, House Appropriation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and LBB. This amendment requires UH to make a good faith effort to add HUB strategies to the university's strategic plan, including identifying discriminatory practices or marketplace barriers and programs to reduce these barriers. This would economically benefit historically underutilized businesses in Houston.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.331 840260</p>	<p>This amendment removes authorization from Texas A&M University System and University of Texas System as agencies authorized to spend appropriated funding for the maintenance and operation of state-owned aircraft and remunerates accordingly. Currently, not all university systems are in possession of state-owned aircraft so this appropriated funding only benefits a few systems; whereas the funding should either be used equally across all university systems or limited to schools that specifically offer maintenance and operation of aircraft as part of its curriculum.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>



<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.332 840256</p>	<p>This amendment adds members of the House and Senate to the entities to be notified when an agency receives block grants or federal funds over \$10 million greater than the amount the agency was appropriated federal funds for the same purpose. Members of the House and Senate shall also be notified if the LBB or Governor issues a written disapproval. This increases oversight as it mandates agencies send information regarding use of funds to the legislature as well as the LBB, Comptroller, and Governor.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Turner, E.S. P.333 840439</p>	<p>This amendment makes changes to the Contingency and Other Provision to include that no funds appropriated under this act can be used in conjunction with the research or destruction of a human embryos. This attempts to deny state funding for stem cell research and abortion treatment, regardless of need for both. There are positive reports on the use and impact of stem cell scientific research in treating incurable diseases; similarly, abortion often is a necessary means for women who have been raped or face life threatening circumstances due to pregnancy and abortion is the only safe and viable option.</p>	<p><u>Unfavorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Darby P.334 840403</p>	<p>This amendment is contingent on enactment of HB 2004 or similar legislation. This rider would fund a pilot project to provide emergency telemedicine medical services in rural areas. It redirects \$250,000 annually for the 2016/17 biennium from the GR-Dedicated Commission on State Emergency Communications in EMS & Trauma Care Systems to implement the telemedicine service. This will increase access to emergency medical care in rural Texas.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Herrero P.335 840360</p>	<p>This amendment adds a rider banning funds from being used to support or pay for school voucher programs or for running programs that use tax credits to provide scholarships for private primary or secondary education. This would keep money in public schools, allowing cash-strapped school districts to use what funds they have to support their students rather than outsourcing funding to private or charter schools.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p><u>Article X - The Legislature</u></p>		
<p>Rep. Farias P.337 840448</p>	<p>This amendment shall reduce general revenue of the House of Representatives by \$1,000,000 annually for the fiscal biennium ending August 2017. The funding shall be appropriated by the DSHS, Mental Health Services for Adults, to be used for providing mental health services for veterans.</p>	<p><u>Favorable</u></p>
<p>Rep. Davis, Y. P.338 840255</p>	<p>This amendment requires that the unexpended balance remaining from FY2015 and from FY2016 be appropriated, in equal amounts each fiscal year, to the Operating Account of each Member of the House of Representatives.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>
<p>Rep. Frank P.339 840317</p>	<p>This amendment adds a provision about the content of fiscal notes conducted by the LBB. The content presented in a fiscal note must include information such as the estimated appropriation for the biennium to fund the bill and the costs that the bill could incur from various specified entities.</p>	<p><u>Will of the House</u></p>



Rep. Caprigione P.340 840194	This amendment provides unspecified appropriations for a State Auditor's Office Chief Innovation Officer's salary. This amendment is contingent on the passage of HB 986, which creates the chief innovation officer position in the Office of the Comptroller.	<u>Will of the House</u>
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